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Jan. 22, 1996

Louis Tordella, 84, dies, deputy director of NSA

Louis W. Tordella, 84, former deputy director of the National Security Agency and a mathematician who helped break the military codes of Nazi German during World War II, died Jan. 10 at his home in Silver Springs, Md. He was a Garrett native.

Dr. Tordella graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a master's degree in mathematics. He received a doctorate in mathematics at the University of Illinois. He was teaching mathematics at Loyola when the United States entered World War II.

Distinguished awards presented to Dr. Tordella included the National Security Medal, the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal and the William O. Baker Medal for distinguished service to American intelligence.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Barbara Kennedy Tordella of Kensington; one daughter, Anne Tordella Fields of Wilmington, Del.; two sons, John M. Tordella of Kensington and David L. Tordella of Alexandria, Va.; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Over a period of 16 years, Dr. Tordella served as deputy to six NSA directors until his retirement in 1974. He was the primary liaison between NSA and its partner agencies in the intelligence community, the CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the office of the Secretary of Defense.

He began his career in intelligence during World War II, as a Navy officer, assigned to code-breaking operations. He was one of a team of mathematicians assigned to work on the German Enigma cipher machine during the war years. He helped plan and develop the machine used to decipher keys on the Enigma.

He continued his career after the war in cryptology in a civilian capacity. He was initially with the Navy and then joined the Armed Forces Security Agency in Washington in 1949. He was among the early advocates of unifying the cryptological programs of all the armed forces.

Dr. Tordella pioneered the use of computers in code-making and code-breaking operations at the NSA. He directed technical activities of the NSA during a period of the Cold War when the Eisenhower Administration relied heavily on signals intelligence.

Jan 22, 1996

Calling today for Margaret Koepka

Margaret A. Koepka, 78, of 207 South Guilford Street, died Friday at 2:35 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery. 1-22-96

The family has requested preferred memorials to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Koepka was born April 26, 1917, in Ashtabula, Ohio. Her parents were Carmen A. and Josephine (Fernotche) Felice. She and Ralph H. Koepka were married Nov. 9, 1944, in Cleveland, Ohio. He survives. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, the Albion Eagles Auxiliary, Auburn Moose Auxiliary and the Garrett Elks Auxiliary.

Surviving with her husband is a sister, Mena Hanifon, of Ashtebula, Ohio. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jimmy Felice, and two sisters, Jenny and Gladys.

Jan 22, 1996

Services held for Lucille Trushel, 63

Lucille I. Trushel, 63, of Kendallville, died Tuesday at the Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis, Mich.

Services were held Saturday in Willard, Ohio. Burial was Sunday in Greenwood Cemetery, Willard.

Mrs. Trushel was born Dec. 1, 1932, in Willard, to George and Wynona (Strickfaden) Judson. Her mother survives. Her husband, Raymond, preceded her in death in October 1988. She was a production worker for Colwell Merchandising. She was a past president of both the Eagles Auxiliary 550 and VFW Post 3430 Auxiliary and Buckingham-Dermer American Legion Post 514 in Willard.

Surviving with her mother are two daughters, Linda Warren of Willard, and Rae Ann Allen of Fort Wayne; five sons, Joseph, Michael and Steven, all of Howe, Douglas of LaGrange, and Scott of Kendallville; three sisters, Georgetta Russell of Angola, Dorothy Brown of Garrett, and Helen Shepherd of Willard; one brother, Kenneth Judson of Garrett; five grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, James, and a daughter, Margaret.

Jan 22, 1996

Services held for Corrine Andrews

Corrine C. Andrews, 67, of Garrett, died Thursday at 5:50 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Services were held Saturday evening at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn, with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Order of Eastern Star in Garrett or to the Presbyterian Church in Garrett.

Mrs. Andrews was born April 7, 1928, in Hamilton, Ohio. Her parents were William A. and Mildred M. (Kain) Kohler. She and Carl A. Andrews were married March 8, 1952, in Hamilton. He survives. She was known by her many friends and family for her helpful manner. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Garrett Order of the Eastern Star, Harmony Chapter 67.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Carla G. Rutin of Belchertown, Mass., Carol L. Heingartner of Auburn, and Renee V. Andrews of Garrett; one son, Mark A. Andrews of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Marilyn McCann of Frazeyburg, Ohio, and Marjorie A. Fornshell of Camden, Ohio; and six grandchildren. One brother, William A., preceded her in death.

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March 4, 1996

Services held for Keith Snyder, 50

Keith Eugene "Scrub" Snyder, 50, of Butler, died from an apparent heart attack in Leipsic, Ohio, Wednesday at 4:10 p.m.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the family, in care of Janis Snyder, 5044 CR 28, Butler, IN 46721.

Mr. Snyder was born Aug. 22, 1945, in Auburn, to Warren and Beatrice Snyder. His mother survives in Butler. Mr. Snyder and Janis Myers were married July 26, 1976, in Springfield, Tenn. She survives. He was employed as a truck driver for Frank Dunn Transport of Waterloo. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean conflict. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the Butler American Legion Post and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Surviving with his mother and wife are four daughters, Mrs. Greg (Tiffany) Norton of Auburn, and Mariah, Cissandra and Jamiaca Snyder, all of Butler; three brothers, Jerry of Leo, Lance of Butler, and Mike of Garrett; a sister, Linda Evanoff of Butler; and three grandchildren, Tanesha, Keastanda and Layton.

March 4, 1996

Services today for Virgil A. Sims, 90

Virgil A. Sims, 90, died Friday at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel in Knox. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery in Knox.

Mr. Sims was born in New Albany. He was a former resident of Angola. He lived most of his life in Knox. He was an electrician at NIPSCO. His wife, Helen, died in 1990.

Survivors include five daughters, Carol Klaviter of Munster, Sue Anderesen of Fort Myers, Fla., Gerry Boyer of Indianapolis, Christine Place of Morganhill, Calif., and Karmen Cook of Munster; a son, Steven A. Sims of Garrett; two brothers, Lester and Chester Sims, both of Elkhart; a sister, Margaret Rose of Elkhart; 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

March 7, 1996

Graveside services set for Desiree Monroe

Desiree Marie Monroe, 48 days old, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Feller Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Memorials to the neonatal intensive care unit at Lutheran Hospital.

Survivors include her mother, Dawn Monroe of Garrett; grandparents, Tina aand Dave Deardorf of Auburn, and Ken and Jodi Myers Jr. of Garrett; great-grandparents, Peg and Chuck Yoder of Angola, Mike Mac of Butler, Barb Wood of Waterloo, Ken and Irene Myers Sr. of Garrett, Jennifer and Michael Beebe of Auburn, Larry and Jane Kock of Waterloo, and Janice Deardorf of Auburn; and great-great-grandparents, John and Syliva Myers of Garrett and Lorrine Hines and Anna Geisinger, both of Auburn.

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March 7, 1996

Services held for Georgia Neible, 92

Georgia Neible, 92, died Feb. 24, at the Total Living Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Services were held Feb. 26 at Hoag-Switzer Funeral Home in Galesburg, Mich., with Rev. John W. Moore officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Galesburg.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Kalamazoo Association for Retarded Children.

Mrs. Neible was born Sept. 30, 1902, in St. Johns, Ind. Her parents were John C. and Anna (Myers) Reed. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville. She had worked at the Burgess Plant & Seed Company as a heavy wrapper, retiring in 1965. She was an avid euchre player and loved bingo. She and Charles W. Neible were married Nov. 9, 1923, in Indiana. He preceded her in death in 1971.

Survivors include seven daughters and their spouses, Donna and Sonny King of Kalamazoo, Margaret Pfieffer of Kendallville, Thelma Bertsch of Garrett, Delores Blade of Three Rivers, Joan and Bill Greendyke of Kalamazoo, Jean Szeluga of Galesburg, and Brenda Sharp of Allen, Tex.; 30 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Bertha and Donald Furnish of LaGrange. Preceding her in death were three sons, two daughters, two brothers and a sister.

March 18, 1996

Services held for Mae Bell Wolfe

Mae Bell Wolfe, 65, of Waterloo, died Wednesday at 11:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Pastor Bill Lyne of the Auburn Missionary Church officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Indiana Kidney Foundation.

Mrs. Wolfe was born May 28, 1930, in Garrett. Her parents were John and Madelyn (Moses) Myers. She and Bill L. Wolfe were married June 26, 1948, in Garrett. He survives.

Surviving with her husband include two sons, Ronald L. of Waterloo, and Timothy L. of Butler; one daughter, Linda M. Shaffer of Hamilton; one sister, Beverly Babbitt of Garrett; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One son, David, preceded her in death.

March 18, 1996

Services held for Helen Shepherd, 68

Helen L. Shepherd, 68, of Willard, Ohio, died Wednesday at Bellevue Hospital in Bellevue Hospital.

Services were held Saturday at the Willard Home of Lindsey Funeral Directors with Rev. Lloyd Bailey officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Willard.

Mrs. Shepherd was born Oct. 2, 1927, in Willard to George and Wynona (Strickfaden) Judson. Her mother, Wynona Reese, survives in Garrett.

Surviving with her mother include her husband, Arnold Shepherd of Willard; three daughters, Anita Heyman of Garrett, and Kathy Noble and Lorna Thornsberry, both of Willard; two sons, Neal Render of Garrett, and Donald Shepherd of Plymouth, Ohio; one brother, Kenneth Judson of Garrett; two sisters, Georgette Russell of Angola, and Dorothy Brown of Garrett; 13 grandchildren, one step-grandchild and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Render; a son, Thomas Shepherd; and two sisters, Margaret and Lucille Trushel.

March 21, 1996

Calling today for Dolene E. Palmer

Dolene E. Palmer died Monday at 11:05 p.m. at Cape Coral, Fla.

Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral home today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to DeKalb County Hospice.

Mrs. Palmer's parents were J. F. and Goldie M. (Healy) Thompson. She and Samuel Palmer were married May 23, 1937, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Sept. 29, 1990. She and her husband owned the Palmer's Restaurant and Lounge in Brazil, Ind. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett, Order of Eastern Star in Brazil, Daughters of Nile, White Shrine and Amaranth.

Survivors include one niece, Sharilyn Greenfield of Garrett; one nephew, Robert Haynes of Churubusco; and one brother-in-law, Morris Haynes of Garrett.

Mrs. Palmer was preceded in death by one sister, Cleatus Haynes.

March 21, 1996

Services Friday for Laura Mae Runion

Laura Mae Runion, 94, of Willard, Ohio, died Tuesday at Hillside Acres Nursing Home.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. at Willard Home of Lindsey Funeral Directors in Willard. Services will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Allan D. Teter officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Willard.

Mrs. Runion was born in Pachuta, Miss. Her parents were Henry and Laura (Blackmon) Nelson. She moved to Willard from Garrett in 1934. Mrs. Runion was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and the Superior Chapter #328 Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include one son, A. E. Runion Jr. of Plymouth, Ohio; one daughter, Doris Anderson of Louisville, Ky.; one sister, Sallie Ross of Garrett; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Argyle E. Runion, in 1965, a son, Clarence Runion, a sister, Hattie Hill, and two brothers, Curtis and Otho Nelson.

March 21, 1996

Services set for Martha Miller, 62

Martha L. Miller, 62, of Auburn, died Monday at 3:50 a.m. at her winter home in North Fort Myers, Fla.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Alan L. Gibson will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cmetery, Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was born Feb. 22, 1934, in McGuffie, Ohio. Her parents were Pearl and Emma Jordan. She and Harold A. Miller were married July 3, 1969, in Auburn. He survives. She was retired as a lab tester from Philips Technologies in Auburn.

Survivors include five sons, Larry D. Evans of Waterloo, Rodney R. Evans of Hamilton, Job S. Evans of Warsaw, Reggie P. Evans of Angola, and Paul L. Evans of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Penny D. Wolf of Garrett, and Patsy M. Forris of Sacramento, Calif; three stepdaughters, Sandy Jarnagin and Linda Carnahan, both of Auburn, and Judy Smith of Cape Coral, Fla.; five brothers, Clayton, Calvin, Dick, Lyman and Joe Jordan, all of Ohio; two sisters, Kathleen Paugh and Barbara Womack, both of Ohio; 29 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

March 21, 1996

Peg Dircksen dies, private services later

Marilyn V. "Peg" Dircksen, 60, of 1581 SR 8, Auburn, died Tuesday at 6:05 p.m. at her home.

Private services will be held at a later date at St. Joseph Catholic Church. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Hospital Aid Foundation or St. Joseph Catholic School.

Mrs. Dircksen was born Feb. 26, 1936, in Xenia, Ohio. Her parents were William and Virginia (Kinsey) Neeld. She and Dr. Richard Dircksen were married Sept. 1, 1956, in Xenia. He survives.

Mrs. Dircksen was a nurse at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, and Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Parish Council, Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, Brownie Girl Scouting program, Tri Kappa, St. Joseph Home and School Association, DeKalb County Home Demonstration Club and Band Parents.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Dr. Andrew Dircksen of Auburn, Eric Dircksen of Washington, D.C., and David Dircksen of Wabash; four daughters, Patrica "Trish" Kluesing of Wolf Lake, Mich., Karen Thiel and Krista Jefferies, both of Fort Wayne, and Jane Dircksen of Cevy Chase, Md.; 10 grandchildren; three brothers, Tom Neeld of Xenia, Richard Neeld of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Bob Neeld of Chillicothe, Ohio; and two sisters, Nancy Nickel of Laurel, Md., and Linda Nahren of Clearwater, Fla.

One brother, Bill Neeld, preceded her in death.

April 25, 1996

Sister of Majorie Saxer dies in Texas

Jean Walsh, 77, of Copperas Cove, Tex., died Tuesday, April 16, 1996, in a Killeen, Tex., hospital.

Her husband, Leneus Walsh, died the day after her funeral on Saturday, April 20.

Services for Mrs. Walsh were held on Friday, April 19, at Crawford-Bowers Chapel in Copperas Cove. Burial was in Killeen Memorial Park.

Mrs. Walsh was born July 25, 1918, in Garrett. Her parents were Melvin and Mae (Clark) Kelham. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1935. She received her registered nurses degree from St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne in 1938. She worked as a nurse for 10 years at McCray Hospital in Kendallville and was the Copperas Cove Independent School District nurse from 1963 until her retirement 18 years later.

She and Mr. Walsh were married Dec. 1, 1950, in Colorado Springs, Colo. They moved to Copperas Cove in 1960.

Survivors include three daughters, Elizabeth Mae Willis of Dallas, Tex., and Mary Doherty and Marie Sandra Walsh of Copperas Cove; one sister, Marjorie Saxer of Garrett, and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and James Kelham.

April 25, 1996

Services today for Emma Clauss, 88

Emma Clauss, 88, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at Woodview Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held this morning at 10 a.m. at Evangelical Christian Church, 4900 Old Maysville Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before the services. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

D. O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to World Missionary Press, New Paris.

Mrs. Clauss was born in Jasper, Mo. She had been a hostess at Hobby House Restaurant, which her family owned. Her husband, Phillip, died in 1984.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne E. Beer of Fort Wayne, and Richard Clauss of Garrett; two daughters, Carol Galbraith of Fort Wayne, and Mary Ann Clemmer of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Marie Reuter of Milford, and Frieda Hany of Ellington, Conn.; 20 grandchildren and 24 greatgrandchildren.

April 25, 1996

Services held for Arthur Cassady, 72

Arthur Cassady, 72, of Winchester, died Sunday at Ball Hospital, Muncie.

Services were held Wednesday at Walker Funeral Home in Winchester. Burial was in Fountain Park Cemetery.

Survivors include two daughters, Terri Gardt and Sharen Thornburg, both of Garrett; and one sister, Deborah Rhinehart of Liberty.

April 29, 1996

Services today for Mary Coselman

Mary L. Coselman, 83, of Garrett, died Thursday, April 25, 1996, at 5:12 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Mrs. Coselman was born Feb. 15, 1913, in Wood, W. Va. Her parents were Arthur F. and Lola J. (Shaver) Graves.

Survivors include one son, Adrian N. Thompson of Garrett; a daughter, Anita DePew of Antwerp, Ohio; two stepsons, Keith DePew of Bryan, Ohio, and Maynard L. DePew of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Marlene S. Greear of Garrett; two brothers, Randall Graves of Auburn and Cecil Graves of Port Clinton, Ohio; a sister, Lola Graves of Butler; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Leslie, and three sisters, Lorena Posey, Lenora Graves and Leuetta Dennison.

May 2, 1996

Graveside services today for Carrie Loffi

Carrie Ann Loffi, 97, formerly of Willard, Ohio, died died Wednesday morning at Hillside Nursing Home.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Willard Home of Lindsey Funeral Directors in Willard. Graveside services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Christian Union Cemetery, north of Garrett, with Pastor Bill Dunfee officiating.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Grace United Methodist Church, 108 West Maple Street, Willard, OH 44890.

Mrs. Loffi was born Jan. 16, 1899, in Garrett. Her parents were George Albert and Emma Jean (Lindeman) Hughes. She was married to the late Albert J. Loffi and had lived in Willard for the past 50 years, moving there from Garrett.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara A. Meyer of Toledo, Ohio, a granddaughter, Patti A. Verb of Oak Harbor, and a grandson, Gary Meyer of Berkey, Ohio. She was preceded in death by two brothers, five sisters, and one great-grandson, John F. Verb.

May 6, 1996

Services pending for Leora Perkins, 81

Leora Perkins, 81, of Garrett, died Thursday, May 2, 1996, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Mrs. Perkins was born Aug. 4, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Paul and Wanda (Blech) Landis. She and Clarence E. Perkins were married on Sept. 22, 1932. He preceded her in death on June 19, 1992. She retired in 1973 as a laborer for Cooper Engineered Products, Auburn.

Survivors include two sons, Morris E. of Garrett and Arnold L. of Wolcottville; two daughters, Marilyn Hulen of Kendallville and Annabelle M. Conrad of New Port Richey, Fla.; four sisters, Eileen Simons of Angola, Ruth Richter and Eleanor Conrad, both of Ashley, and Troas Edwards of Portland, Ore.; one half-brother, Wayne Orwig of Columbus, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

May 6, 1996

Calling Wednesday for Elzena Esselburn

Elzena H. Esselburn, 83, of 301 East Covell Street, died Sunday, May 5, 1996, at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Friends may call Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home on Thursday with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Hospice.

Mrs. Esselburn was born Aug. 31, 1912, in Garrett. Her parents were Fred and Ella (Steffen) Miller. She and Vernie H. Esselburn were married April 5, 1931, in Spencerville. He preceded her in death on June 19, 1978. Mrs. Esselburn worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for 32 years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles, Elks, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary, Auburn Moose and Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Survivors include one son, Wilford Esselburn of Orland; and two daughters, Dolly Kressley of Hudson and Violet Elliott of Garrett. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Frank, George, Charles, Louis, John, Fred and Arthur Miller; and three sisters, Irene Miller and two unnamed twins at birth.

May 6, 1996

Calling today for Stephen Brown, 45

Stephen N. Brown, 45, of 913 South Ijams Street, died Saturday, May 4, 1996 at 6:30 a.m. at his home.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Garrett Presbyterian Church with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery with graveside military services by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice or Army Relief Fund.

Mr. Brown was born May 11, 1950, in Grosse Pointe, Mich. His parents were Harold N. and Madalyn (Cadagan) Brown. His mother survives. Mr. Brown has lived in Garrett since 1963. He worked for the Garrett Police Department and Garrett Reserves. He was a brakeman/conductor on the CSX Railroad for 17 years. He was a US Army Vietnam veteran. Mr. Brown was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett American Legion, VFW and United Transportation Union.

Surviving with his mother are a son, Shawn M. Brown of Savannah, Ga.; a daughter, Amy M. Brown of Angola; and a grandson, James Cameron Brown of Savannah, Ga.

May 9, 1996

Services today for Walter Rassel, 70

Walter W. Rassel, 70, of Columbia City, died Sunday, May 5, 1996, at 1:45 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. He was electrical superintendent for the City of Garrett from 1972-78.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in Columbia City with Fr. Joel Burget and Fr. Mel Herber officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Columbia City, with military honors by American Legion Post 98. Smith & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church or to the American Heart Fund.

Mr. Rassel was born May 4, 1926, in Terre Haute. His parents were Jacob and Caroline (Frerichs) Rassel. He and Elizabeth Walsh were married July 21, 1952. She survives.

Mr. Rassel was a 1944 graduate of Wiley High School in Terre Haute. He served in the US Army graves registration in Europe during World War II. He operated the family grocery store in Terre Haute for 10 years. In 1958 he became plant manager of Bituminous Materials Co. in Columbia City, where he worked for 10 years. He them was superintendent of public works for the city of Columbia City for four years before taking his position in Garrett. Mr. Rassel retired in 1988 from The Alley restaurnat in Columbia City, which he owned and operated for several years.

He was a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus in Terre Haute, Columbia City Elks and Eagles lodges, and American Legion Post 98.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Richard of Garrett, Paul of Allison Park, Pa., and Walter of Boca Raton, Fla.; six grandchildren; one son-in-law, Randy Worden of Noblesville; and a sister, Mildred Burget of Terre Haute.

One daughter, Nancy Worden, and one brother, Richard, preceded him in death.

May 9, 1996

Calling today for Boyd H. Wiseman

Boyd H. Wiseman, 76, of Huntertown, died Monday, May 6, 1996, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home at 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Services will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 10 a.m with Rev. Max Smith officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Huntertown United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Mr. Wiseman was born May 20, 1919, in Harrisburg, Ark. His parents were Issaac L. and Erba L. (Sawyer) Wiseman. He and his wife, Edith, were married March 25, 1949, in Fort Wayne. She survives. He retired in 1984 as a quality control engineer at Magnavox Corp. after 37 years of service. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran and a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Robert of Midland, Mich., Donald of Huntertown, and Kenneth of Greencastle; five daughters, Kayleen Bowker of Roanoke, Sheryl Thrush of Garrett, Cynthia Sorrell of Fort Wayne, Jana Dee Hutcheson of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Carol McNall of Auburn; and 20 grandchildren.

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May 9, 1996

Services today for Helen Lepard, 94

Mary Helen Lepard, 94, of Garrett, died Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at her son's home on Sawyer Road, Kendallville.

Services will be held today at 2:30 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with calling two hours before the services. Morris White will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Johovah's Witness or the donor's choice.

Mrs. Lepard was born March 11, 1902, in Sycamore Township, Wyndott County, Ohio. Her parents were Abraham Allen and Mary Louise (Carlin) Honsberger. She was a housewife and a Johovah's Witness.

Survivors include two sons, Donald E. of Kendallville, and H. Duane of Auburn; one daughter, Doris E. Dapp of Auburn; one sister, Ruth Paskiet of Oak Harbor, Ohio; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, one grandson, five brothers and two sisters.

The Garrett Clipper

May 13, 1996

Services today for Clarence Sleek, 84

Clarence Dale Sleek, 84, of 1200 West King Street, Altona, died Thursday, May 9, 1996, at 1:45 p.m.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with calling from noon until the time of the services. Lloyd Mealer and Roy Protsman will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Mr. Sleek was born April 20, 1912, in Burr Oak, Mich. His parents were William H. and Mary L. (Locke) Sleek. He and Mary Ester Lucille Snyder were married June 22, 1930, in Auburn. She survives. He was retired from his most recent job with Hubbard Spool. Mr. Sleek was a member of the First Church of Christ.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Robert Sleek of Altona; one daughter, Sonia Angel of Atlanta, Mich.; two sisters, DeVella Karnes of Auburn and Mary Harbor of Tiffin, Ohio; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, William Thomas Sleek and Clarence Dean Sleek; two brothers, Cloysey Sleek and Claude Sleek; and four sisters, Della Brown, Clara Morris, Edna Bianski and Ruby King.

May 16, 1996

Graveside services set for Ruth Pepple, 74

Graveside services will be held Saturday for Ruth N. Pepple, 74, who died Dec. 22, 1995.

Services will be held at Christian Union Cemetery at 11 a.m. Saturday with Rev. Richard Pickard of the Corunna Community Church officiating.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Pepple of Corunna; three sons, Steven and Daniel Pepple of Garrett and Jerry Pepple of Auburn; one daughter, Janet Smart of Corunna; three sisters, Mary Gravit, Catherine Cleland and Sue McBride, all of Garrett; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

May 16, 1996

Services Saturday for Steven Ayres, 55

Steven T. Ayres, 55, of 706 South Hampsher Street, died Tuesday, May 14, 1996, at 11 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Lighthouse Assembly of God Church with Pastor John A. Karn officiating. There is no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Ayres was born Feb. 9, 1941, in Fort Wayne. His parents were Donald and Alice (Tigges) Ayres. He and Cindy L. Richardson were married on May 13, 1972, in Sturgis, Mich. She survives. He was a machinist and Army Reservist from 1963-1969. Mr. Ayres was a former Fort Wayne resident until moving to Garrett a year ago.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Steven T. Ayres of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Regina and Mary Ayres, both of Tulsa, Okla.; and one brother, Don Ayres of Temperance, Mich.

May 16, 1996

Charles L. Tackels dies Tuesday at 62

Charles L. Tackels, 62, of 113 North Britton Street, died Tuesday, May 14, 1996, at his home.

There will be no calling or services. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mr. Tackels was born April 15, 1934, in Mishawaka. His parents were Louis C. and Helen (Maldou) Tackels. He and Wanda A.Dove were married June 26, 1954, in New Haven. She survives. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for Macke Construction and retired in 1990.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Daniel and Steven, both of Garrett; two daughters, Marie Tackels and Sandy Osbun, both of Garrett; 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

May 16, 1996

Services Friday for Roscoe Handshoe

Roscoe Handshoe, 82, of Waterloo, died Wednesday, May 15, at 8:30 a.m.

Friends may call Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Gene Woolever officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Handshoe was born March 19, 1914, in Hueysville, Ky. His parents were Bud and Rhoda (Fitchpatrick) Handshoe. He worked for the B & O Railroad and Newnam Foundry in Kendallville.

Survivors include two sons, Bud Handshoe of Auburn and Thelmer Handshoe of Waterloo; two daughters, Marlene Miller of Butler and Cora Montgomery of Shelby, Ohio; 20 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Curtis Handshoe of Kendallville; and two sisters, Clara Allen of Garrett, Ky., and Viola Napper of Lacky, Ky.

May 20, 1996

Services today for Rhea Treadwell, 55

L. Rhea Treadwell, 55, of 2551 CR 60, Auburn, died Friday, May 17, 1996, at 10:32 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Ronald Bowman officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Claremore, Okla.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Mrs. Treadwell was born Jan. 29, 1941, in Kilgore, Tx., to R. E. and Carmelita (Dunning) Smith. Her mother survives in Claremore. She and Dr. Bryce B. Treadwell were married May 29, 1965, in Tulsa, Okla. He survives. Mrs. Treadwell was the office manager at the Garrett Clinic for the past 15 years. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and an officer of the Indiana Association of Osteopathic Physicians Auxiliary for over 25 years.

Surviving with her husband and mother are three daughters, April Freeman and Misty Treadwell, both of Auburn, and Cindee Crosby of Granite City, Ill.; one son, Christopher Treadwell of Garrett; three sisters, her twin, Khea Fugate of Claremore; Cherie Bunnell of Claremore, and Joene Bryant of Tyler, Tx.; and four grandchildren.

May 20, 1996

Calling today for Thelma Frantz, 82

Thelma L. (Eichler) Frantz, 82, died Thursday, May 16 1996, at 11:55 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and one hour before the services, which will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Fr. John Vrabely will officiate. A Rosary service will be at 3:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be in Block Church Cemetery, Stroh.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mrs. Frantz was born June 12, 1913, in Stroh. Her parents were Lewis and Ethel (Grenno) Charleswood. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter M. Eichler, in 1934. She and Clarence R. Frantz were married Oct.3, 1970. He preceded her in death in 1990. Mrs. Frantz was a clerk at North American Van Lines in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1970. She was a member of the St. Anthonys Catholic Church in Lakeland, Fla.

Survivors include one son, Walter Eichler of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; two stepsons, Douglas and Dwight Frantz, both of Pensacola, Fla.; a sister, Flossie Shippy of Corunna; nine step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

May 20, 1996

Calling today for Floyd Weller, 83

Floyd V. Weller, 83, of southwest of Garrett, died Saturday, May 18, 1996, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Services will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 11 a.m. with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the LaOtto Fire Department.

Mr. Weller was born Aug. 1, 1912, in DeKalb County. His parents were Frank and Clara (Sloffer) Weller. He and Orpha Myers were married June 1, 1942, in northern Allen County. She survives. He was a farmer all of his life, in addition to working as a bus driver for 20 years and as a custodian for 10 years in the Garrett schools.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Larry of Stockbridge, Ga., and Jerry and Wayne, both of Garrett; four sisters, Leona Ihrie of Fort Wayne, Marion Shoudel of Leo, Kathryn Gilbert and Grace Roop, both of Auburn; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

May 20, 1996

Calling today for Oliver Lovette, 79

Oliver H. Lovette, 79, of 110 East Houston Street, died Saturday, May 18, 1996, at 11 p.m. at his home.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Comprecare.

Mr. Lovette was born April 8, 1917, in Butler. His parents were Harry J. and Myrtle G. (Weldon) Lovette. He and Treva M. Rahrig were married May 29, 1937, in Winchester. She survives. He was an engineer on the B & O Railroad for 35 years, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Garrett Elks and Eagles.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Larry Lovette of Snellville, Ga.; one daughter, Charlene Schafer of of Fairborn, Ohio; one brother, Lloyd Gael of Garrett; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

May 20, 1996

Services held for Roberta Freed, 60

Roberta Freed, 60, of Auburn, died Wednesday, May 15, 1996, at 9 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Saturday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial was in Rosehawn Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to SpectraCare Hospice Program.

Mrs. Freed was born Sept. 13, 1935, in Blackwater, Va. Her parents were Ira and Dora (Bell) Moore. She retired in 1995 from Mossberg Industries in Garrett with 30 years of service.

Survivors include three sons, Coy Collingsworth of Apache Junction, Ariz., and Michael D. Collingsworth and Kim R. Collingsworth, both of Garrett; one daughter, Cindy L. Bolen of Garrett; one brother, Carson Moore of Newville; four sisters, Orphia Cooper, Vivian Collingsworth and Helen Bloomer, all of Auburn, and Gladys Cox of Hudson; seven grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. Two sisters, Lois and Beatrice, preceded her in death.

May 23, 1996

Services held for Echo Lewis, 86

Echo Mildred Lewis, 86, of Warrenton, Va., died Saturday, May 18, 1996, at Fauquier Hospital in Warrenton.

Services were held Tuesday at Leeds Episcopal Church in Markham, Va., with Rev. Linnea Turner officiating.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Lewis was born Feb. 5, 1910, in Ft. Scott, Kans. She was preceded in death by her husband, Owen W. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was a graduate of Lake Forest College. She was an active member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and a retired teacher from the Garrett-Keyser - Butler Community Schools. She was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association and the BPW in Garrett.

Survivors include two sons, Scott Lewis of Oxford, Ala., and Steven Lewis of Grapevine, Tex.; two daughters, Echo A. Lewis of Ontario, Canada, and Vicki L. McQuillen of Marshall, Va.; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

May 23, 1996

Services Tuesday for Dolores Jean Blue

Ms. Dolores Jean (Dills) Blue,67, of Kingman, Ariz., died Monday, May 20, 1996, in Mansfield, Mo.

Military memorial services will be held Tuesday at Jefferson Barricks in St. Louis, Mo. Bergman-Miller Funeral Home of Mansfield, Mo., is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Blue was born June 16, 1928, in Garrett. Her parents were Gordon S. and Edith Marion (Moody) Dills. Ms. Blue served in the US Army for 3½ years.

Survivors include her stepmother, Eleanor Dills of Garrett; one brother, Gordon A. Dills of Williamsport, Pa., a half-brother, Richard Dills of Garrett; two sisters, Betty Ritter of Sun City, Ariz., and Anita Rolfe of Mansfield, Mo.; five nieces and four nephews.

May 23, 1996

Funeral held for John Dapp, 50

John R. Dapp, 50, died Sunday, May 19, 1996, at his home on CR 45, Auburn.

Services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Dapp was born Aug. 15, 1945, in Garrett, to John L. and Doris (Lepard) Dapp. His mother survives in Auburn. He and Julia Smith were married Aug. 22, 1964, in Madison. She survives. He worked at Auburn Gear for 33 years. He was a member of the National Rafle Association.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Brian of Wichita, Kan.; one daughter, Wendy Dapp of Fort Wayne; and one sister, Sue Costin of Denton, Tex.

MAY 30, 1996

Services Saturday for "Mike" Moody, 50

James Michael "Mike" Moody, 50, of Bloomington, died Monday morning at Bloomington Hospital. Born June 12, 1945, in Detroit, Mich., he was the son of James and Georgia (Goetschius) Moody. He was employed at General Electric in Bloomington. He was a 1963 graduate of Garrett High School in Garrett, and had received a B.S. degree in elementary education from Indiana University. He was of the Christian faith and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (O'Connor) Moody, of Bloomington, his mother, Georgia Moody, of Garrett; three step-daughters, Beth Goddard, Amy Harless and Becky Harless, all of Indianapolis; one stepson, Bob Harless, of Indianapolis; three brothers, John Patrick Moody, of Fort Wayne, George Timothy Moody, of Bloomfield, and Frank Daniel Moody, of Garrett; one step-grandson, Calvin Goddard, of Indianapolis; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and his first wife, Jane (Tyree) Moody.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Day Mortuary Chapel with Rev. John Siner officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home for one hour before the service.

The family suggests that friends who wish may give memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or to the American Diabetes Association.

June 17, 1996

Services held for Bernard Campbell

Bernard L. Campbell, 75, of LaOtto, died Thursday, June 13, 1996, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Care at 11:45 a.m.

Services were held Saturday at the LaOtto Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Kathleen Kamerzell officiating. Burial was in the Huntertown Cemetery with military graveside services by the Avilla American Legion.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the LaOtto Fire Department or the LaOtto Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Mr. Campbell was born Feb. 13, 1921, in LaOtto. His parents were George A. and Hazel F. (Peters) Campbell. He and E. June Thomson were married Sept. 26, 1941, in LaOtto. She survives. He owned Campbell Insurance Agency in LaOtto for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He was a charter member of the LaOtto Fire Department, and a member of the Huntertown Masons, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Avilla American Legion and the LaOtto Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Larry Campbell of LaOtto; two daughters, Connie Shirk of Auburn and Wanda Davis of Avilla; two brothers, Gus Campbell of LaOtto and Lester Campbell of Garrett; one sister, Vyonna Hensley of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Maynard Campbell.

June 3, 1996

Graveside services set for Victor Walter, 86

Victor M. Walter, 86, of Brooksville, Fla., died March 11, 1996, in Brooksville Regional Hospital.

Graveside services will be held Friday, June 7, at 2 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery, north of Garrett, with Pastor Bill Dunfee officiating. There is no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Walter was born Dec. 11, 1909, in Garrett. His parents were James A. and Mary E. (Kryder) Walter. He and Vada Miller were married Dec. 11, 1937, in Garrett. She survives. He was a state biologist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife for 36 years, retiring in 1970. He was a 1928 Garrett High School graduate. Mr. Walter was a member of the Bainbridge United Methodist Church and F & AM, Terre Haute Scottish Rite, Brooksville, Fla., Elks and OX5 Aviation Club.

A brother, Ned Walter, preceded him in death.

June 3, 1996

Service today for Garry Bergner, 41

Garry W. Bergner, 41, of 215 South Hamsher Street, died Friday at 6 a.m. at his home.

A Memorial Service will be held today at 5 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery. Burial will be at a later date. There is no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bergner was born July 6, 1954, in Cumberland, Md., to Charles R. and Patricia A. (Jeffers) Bergner. His mother survives at 509 West Keyser Street. He worked at Nucor in St. Joe for the past six years in production.

Surviving with his mother are one son, Michael S. Hostetler of Kendallville; two brothers, Robert and Mark Bergner, both of Garrett; four sisters Barb Dove and Kathy Winebrenner, both of Auburn, Brenda Clark of Garrett, and Mary Bergner of Wolcottville; and one grandson, Talon Hostetler of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Bergner.

June 3, 1996

Services held for Janice Sumney, 41

Janice M. Sumney, 41, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, May 28, 1996, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

Ms. Sumney was born Aug. 27, 1954, in Waterloo. Her adoptive parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sumney.

Survivors include her father, Charles Sumney of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Tina, of Garrett; a foster brother, Kevin Sumney of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Richard Spurgeon and Bill Harman, both of Angola, and David Harman of Muncie; four sisters, Joyce Brucker, Diana Scott, Julie Schultz and Kitty Hettinger, all of Angola; and her step-father, Louis Harman of Angola.

June 13, 1996

Calling today for Pricilla Myers, 73

Pricilla Marjorie Myers, 73, of Garrett, died Wednesday at 10:07 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She was a lifelong Garrett resident.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Pastor William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Myers was born Nov. 29, 1922, in Butler. Her parents were Walter and Dolly (Curtland) Nodine. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orlo James Myers. She worked at Garrett Laundry and George's Laundry and Drycleaning in Auburn.

Survivors include one brother, Glen Nodine of Garrett. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Lafayette, Wilmer and Lester Nodine, and one sister, Gertrude Haynes.

June 13, 1996

Services held for Jeanette Johnson, 75

Jeanette "Jean" Johnson, 75, of Three Rivers, Mich., died Monday at her home.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Calhoun Cemetery in Constantine, Mich., with Rev. Larry Settle officiating. Eley Funeral Home in Constantine was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Arthritis Foundation.

Mrs. Johnson was born March 13, 1921, in Huntertown. Her parents were Frank and Carrie (Vachon) Roy. She and Wayne Johnson were married Dec. 15, 1956, in Huntertown. He survives.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Tim Maxwell of Tennessee; a daughter, Sandra Bosler of Indiana; two sisters, Dorothy Maxwell of Wolcottville, and Jessie Hobbs of Fort Wayne; a brother, Wayne Roy of Garrett; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

June 13, 1996

Services held for John D. Cook, Sr.

John D. (Johnie) Cook, Sr., 67, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. His family formerly lived in Garrett.

Services were held Wednesday at the Fort Wayne Baptist Temple in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, northwest of Garrett. D. O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Cook was born Sept. 2, 1928, in LaGrange. His parents were Thomas E. and Flora C. (Newman) Cook. He retired in 1988 as a truck driver for Levin & Sons after 27 years of service.

Survivors include his former wife, Phyllis Cook of Kendallville; three sons, Daniel Woodruff of Fort Wayne, and David and John Cook, both of Kendallville; five daughters, Millie Johnston of Yoder, Judy McCullough of Flagstaff, Ariz., Jan Cook of Avilla, Marilyn Cook of Kendallville, and Michelle Cook of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Bill Cook of Fort Wayne and Jim Cook of Sacremento, Calif.; one sister, Shirley McBlain of Florida; and five grandchildren.

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June 13, 1996

Services today for Dean Brandenburg

Dean A. Brandenburg, 28, of South Whitley died Sunday at his home.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Rev. Donovan Coley of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Brandenburg Children Trust Fund, in care of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Brandenburg was born Feb. 2, 1968, in Fort Wayne. His parents are S. Roger and Annette Brandenburg. He and Wendy Hoover were married in March, 1988. He was a forklift driver for Whitley Manufacturing Co.

Surviving with his parents and wife are two sons, Zachary and Jacob, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Dennis of Chesterton; one sister, Denise Gernhardt of Fort Wayne; and his grandparents, Lois Brandenburg of Auburn, and Earl and Edith (Walton) Stauffer of Grabill.

June 20, 1996

Services held for Betty Hopkins, 65

Betty Marie Hopkins, 65, of Ashley died Friday at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

Services were held Tuesday at Swartz Funeral Home in Flint, Mich., with Rev. Glenn Hopkins officiating. Burial was in Flint Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hopkins was born Aug. 20, 1930, in Flint. Her parents were John and Beulah (Johnson) Anderson. She and T. J. Hopkins were married in 1956 in Angola. He preceded her in death. She was employed in home health care for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Kay Harris of Garrett; two sons, Harley Hopkins of Flint and John Hopkins of Waterloo; two sisters, Vivian Draper of Flint and Genevive Dear of Florida; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and many nieces, newphews and cousins.

June 20, 1996

Services Friday for Ralph Kitterman, 89

Ralph F. Kitterman, 89, died Tuesday at 1:45 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home with Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in Asbury Chapel Cemetery in Hartford City.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Hobart United Methodist Church.

Mr. Kitterman was born Nov. 7, 1906, in Blackford County. His parents were Charles and Mary (Beesley) Kitterman. He and Ruth Kelley were married in Blackford County. She preceded him in death in 1990. Mr. Kitterman was a civil engineer and worked at U.S. Steel Corp./ Garyworks in Gary. He was Sunday School superintendent and trustee at Hobart United Methodist Church, where he was a member.

Survivors include two daughters, Kay A. Finchum of Auburn and Mary M. Nutter of Los Angeles; one son, Thomas W. Kitterman of Tallahassee, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Jim Finchum of Garrett and Michelle Nutter of Los Angeles.

July 3, 1996

Services today for Walter (Lee) Freeman

Walter (Lee) Freeman, 67, of Huntertown, died Sunday, June 30, 1996, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at LaOtto Wesleyan Church with Rev. Lois and James Watkins officiating. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests preferred memorials to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Freeman was born July 11, 1928, in Huntertown, to Charles and Edith (Harrold) Freeman. His mother survives in Huntington. He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1946. He and Norrissa Adreon were married June 26, 1952, in Lexington, Ill. She survives. He was the owner and operator of W. L. Freeman Excavating & Bulldozing in Huntertown for 30 years. Mr. Freeman served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church and served as the Sunday School superintendent for 15 years.

Surviving with his mother and wife are four sons, Charles of Angola, Scottie and Jeffrey of Avilla and Douglas of Freeman of LaOtto; two brothers, Harold of Phoenix, Ariz., and James of Albion; three sisters, Joyce Hand of Roanoke, Jean Wappes of Garrett and Sharon Myjak of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and two grandchildren. One sister preceded him in death.

July 3, 1996

Services today for Marsha Moody, 43

Marsha M. (Zimmerman) Moody, 43, of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. at Pine Valley Park Funeral Home at 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to American Diabetes Association or Gideon's International.

Mrs. Moody was a registered nurse in Fort Wayne for five years.

Survivors include her husband, John Patrick Moody; her parents, Martin and Hazel Zimmerman of Logansport; and a sister, Diana Farb of Rockford, Ill.

July 3, 1996

Calling today for Donald E. Lepard

Donald E. Lepard, 67, died Monday at 7:55 a.m. at his home in Kendallville.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Services will be held at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Friday.

Mr. Lepard was born Jan. 24, 1929, in Willard, Ohio. His parents were Howard and Helen (Honsberger) Lepard. He was a truck driver for Buchan Logging Co., of New Haven, and a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include two daughters, Chris Culliton and Dawn Harmon of Fort Wayne; one son, Jeff of Auburn; one brother, Duane Lepard of Auburn; one sister, Doris Lepard, of Auburn; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, David.

July 8, 1996

Services held for Harley Middleton

Harley H. Middleton, 86, of Albion, died Wednesday, July 3, 1996, at his home.

Services were held Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

The family requests preferred memorials to the Albion Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Middleton was born in Cheboygan, Mich., and had lived in the Albion area where he was a farmer for the past 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Ganger; two sons, Dale of Albion, and Duane of Kendallville; two daughters, Peggy Hartman of Menton, and Judy Mote of Corunna; 16 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one step-great grandchild; one step-great-great-grandchild; one sister, Hazel Starrett of Angola; and a nephew, Alan Middleton of Garrett. He was preceded in death by one son, Jerry.

July 8, 1996

Services held Sunday for Greta Harding

Greta E. Harding, 83, formerly of Garrett, died Wednesday, July 3, 1996, at 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services were held Sunday at the First Church of Christ with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery. Feller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church or Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. Harding was born Aug. 8, 1912, in Garrett. Her parents were Johannes and Amanda (Schemelia) Kock. She worked at GE in Fort Wayne for 13 years and retired on Sept. 1, 1974. She and Harvey W. Harding were married Oct. 2, 1932, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Sept. 13, 1962.

Mrs. Harding was a member of the First Church of Christ, Eastern Star and GE Elects Club. She was a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and Garrett Eagles. She also attended different functions at the Heimach Center.

Survivors include one son, William, of Witchita, Kans.; one daughter, Mrs. David (June) Ennis of Kendallville; one brother, William Kock of Garrett; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

One son, Richard, two brothers, Henry and John Kock, and three sisters, Kathryn Kolbe, Lucille Houser and Lillie Peters, all preceded her in death.

July 11, 1996

Calling today for Charlene K. Schafer

Charlene K. Schafer, 54, of Fairborn, Ohio, died Tuesday, July 9, 1996, in the USAF Medical Center Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio.

The family will receive friends today from 6-8 p.m. in the Belton Funeral Home at Fairborn, Ohio. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the Base Chapel II Wright Patterson AFB with Chaplain Steve Voyt, Celebrant. Graveside inurnment services will be conducted Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Gasper Cemetery, Rome City.

The family has requested preferred memorials to The American Cancer Society, Greene County Unit, 1141 North Monroe Street, Xenia, Ohio 45385.

Mrs. Schafer was born Oct. 12, 1941, in Garrett to Oliver and Treva (Rahrig) Lovette. Her mother survives in Garrett. She was a retired school teacher with the Albuquerque, N. M., School District and attended Catholic services of Base Chapel II Wright Patterson AFB.

Surviving with her mother are her husband, Harold; two daughters, Christine Rogers of Highland Ranch, Colo., and Kimberly Schafer of Fairborn, Ohio; a son, Scott of Powell, Ohio.; a grandson, Sean Rogers; and a brother, Larry Lovette, of DeLuth, Ga.

July 11, 1996

Services Friday for Mary Schlotterer

Mary E. Schlotterer, 88, of 204 West Clark Street, died Tuesday, July 9, 1996, at 9 p.m. at her home.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. to McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. John Vrabely officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

The family requests preferred memorials to Masses or Compre-Care.

Mrs. Schlotterer was born July 8, 1908, in Garrett. Her parents were John and Helen (Dietch) Biedrzycki. She and Fred Schlotterer were married on June 3, 1930, in Garrett. He preceded her in death in March 1969. She was a homemaker and worked at Creek Chub Bait Company for 10 years, retiring in 1978. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Overy and Virgilia Schlotterer, both of Garrett, Dolores Kurtz of Fowler and Susan Severson of LaOtto; one brother, John Biedrzycki of Fort Wayne; one sister, Calamanda Nixon of Garrett; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Schlotterer, six brothers, Ted, Tony, Joe Francis, Thomas and Paul Biedrzycki, and two sisters, Sister Cassimira and Martha Biedrzycki.

July 11, 1996

Services held for Rena Hanes, 94

Rena R. Hanes, 94, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, July 4, 1996, at 9:06 a.m. at McCray Hospital, Kendallville.

Services were held Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial was in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Mrs. Hanes was born in Ashley on Aug. 13, 1901. Her parents were Samuel and Mary Alice (McClish) Perkins. She and Cecil L. Hanes were married Dec. 28, 1925, in Corunna. He preceded her in death on July 5, 1942. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley.

Survivors include three daughters, Beatrice Pence of Garrett, Mrs. Charles (Mildred) Fordyce of Wolcottville, and Mrs. Edward (Phyllis) Hines of Marcellus, Mich.; two sisters, Bessie Miller of Wolcottville, and Ruth Stackhouse of Kendallville; a brother, Ford Perkins of Hudson; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hanes was preceded in death by a son, Cecil Hanes Jr.; a daughter, Berniece Hanes; two brothers, Russell Perkins; and two sisters, Mabel Getts and Inez Perkins.

July 15, 1996

Services held for Harry W. Suter, 67

Harry W. Suter, 67, of 6984 SR 327, Garrett, died at his home at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 1996.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Cedar Creek Cemetery with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

The family requests preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Mr. Suter was born Oct. 26, 1928, in Erie, Pa. His parents were Carl W. and Clara Louise Kob (Kundig) Suter. He and Christel Stachel were married April 17, 1954, in Fort Wayne. She survives. He owned a truck cleaning service at Irving Concrete in Fort Wayne for 15 years and then worked at IPFW for 10 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Fort Wayne American Legion and Mercedes Benz Club in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Diane Zumbaugh of Garrett; a son, Richard Suter of Lafayette; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Fay Suter Gabor.

July 18, 1996

Calling Friday for Harvey Landrum, 89

Harvey LeRoy Landrum, 89, died Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Mount Etna Cemetery with Rev. Golda McClelland officiating.

Mr. Landrum was born Oct. 29, 1906, in Miami County. His parents were Riley Alice (Baker) Landrum. He and Nellie Rinearson were married Nov. 27, 1935, in Wabash. She survives. He was the plant manager for Fulton Milk Co., in Huntington, for 32 years. He also worked at Ball Brass in Auburn in the furnace room for 22 years, retiring in 1987.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Larry of Okemos, Mich., Stanley Landrum of Albion and Lawrence of Chicago; two daughters, Phyllis Stetzel of Roanoke and Sueanna Tullis of Auburn; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Tessie Lahr, Dorothy Lahr and Ruth DeHaven, all of Huntington.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ross, John, Raymond and Wallace Landrum, and one sister, Hazel Kaufman.

July 25, 1996

Services held for Frances Beuchel, 93

Frances L. Beuchel, 93, of Auburn, died Friday, July 19, 1996, at Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Services were held Sunday in the Lakewood Park Baptist Church, Auburn, with Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Feller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family requested preferred memorials to the church or the DeKalb county Heart Fund.

Mrs. Beuchel was born Nov. 1, 1902, in Allen County. Her parents were Wesley and Ellen (Wilson) Warner. She and Paul William Beuchel were married Nov. 11, 1918. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 1986.

Survivors include one son, Paul J. Beuchel of Angola; one daughter, Hilda Clevenger of Garrett; seven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert, two brothers, three sisters, one granddaughter and four great-grandchildren.

July 29, 1996

Services today for Mildred Krock, 78

Mildred K. Krock, 78, of Avilla, died Friday at 12:58 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Fr. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Lung Association.

Mrs. Krock was born Dec. 6, 1917, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were Lee and Faye (Johnson) Isenbarger. She and Herman Krock were married June 12, 1935, in Preble. He preceded her in death on March 5, 1974. She retired in 1981 from Electric Motors & Specialties after 30 years of service.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandy Lash of Wolcottville, and Betty Haynes of Avilla; three sons, Jim and Bill Krock of Avilla and Bob Krock of Kendallville; 19 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; one siter, Jean Garman of Avilla; two brothers, Robert Isenbarger of Garrett, and Richard Isenbarger of Lakeland, Fla.

July 29, 1996

Services held for Gladys McClellan

Gladys M. McClelland, 71, of Avilla, died Monday, July 22, at5:46 a.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Services were held last Friday at the Garrett United Methodist Church with Pastor William Dunfee officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mrs. McClellan was born Aug. 20, 1924, in Wells County. Her parents were Earl and Olive (Close) Cutler. She and Walter Porter were married Sept. 16, 1942. He preceded her in death in 1965. She and John McClelland were married on April 1, 1972. He preceded her in death on Oct. 5, 1975.

Survivors include one son, Eugene W. Porter of Angola; two daughters, Charlene K. Foster of Avilla and Donna M. Schieber of Angola; three brothers, Paul E. Cutler of Columbus, Ohio, Forrest M. Cutler of Auburn, and Kenneth M. Cutler of Garrett; one sister, Ruth Hall of Ridgeway, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Richard, four brothers and four sisters.

July 29, 1996

Calling today for Eunice Ashenfelter

Euncie P. Ashenfelter, 86, died Friday at 5:40 p.m. at Meadowhaven Health Care Center. She formerly lived in Garrett.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Officiating will be Pastor Stephen Davis, Pastor Barry Davis, Rev. David Snodderly and Pastor John Weatherly. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Gideons.

Mrs. Ashenfelter was born June 10, 1910, in Waterloo. Her parents were George and Arletta (Riggs) Curtland. She and Frank T. Ashenfelter were married Oct. 30, 1926, in Wauseon, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 1980. She was a member of the Light House Assembly of God Church in Garrett. Mrs. Ashenfelter was the manager of Ashfield's Paint Store Garrett from 1960 until 1978 when she retired.

Survivors include one son, Howard Ashenfelter of Garrett; one daughter, Faye Myers of Caldwell, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Loren Ashenfelter; one daughter, Marcine Rudy; three brothers, Elvester, Lester and Howard Curtland; and five sisters, Gladys Wells, Dolly Nodine, Theo Curtland, Beaulah Hurd and Anna Vice.

August 1, 1996

Former resident dies in Lynnwood, Wash.

William (Bill) Brandenburg, 76, died at his home in Lynnwood, Wash., on Saturday, July 27.

Following cremation his ashes will be scattered at sea.

Mr. Brandenburg was born in Garrett on Feb. 8, 1923. His parents were William and Mabel Brandenburg. He resided with his uncle and aunt, Samuel and Grace Brandenburg. Following graduation from Garrett High School, Mr. Brandenburg joined the US Navy and became a career veteran of that service.

He returned in 1992 to celebrate his 50th high school class reunion.

Surviving are his sister, Dorothy Minor of Everett, Wash.; two nieces and a cousin, Martha Brandenburg Mossberger.

Aug. 1, 1996

Calling today for Fred Watson, 63

Fred Watson, 63, died Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at his home near Kendallville.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Birtchel Mosley, Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, Inc., P.O. Box 12869, Fort Wayne, IN 46866.

Mr. Watson was born Feb. 14, 1933, in Leburn, Ky. His parents were Burton and Stella (Sparkman) Watson. He and Helen Louise Rayner were married Aug. 3, 1973, in Kendallville. She survives. He was a machinist at Safe-Guard Industry in Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Inez Terry of Newport News, Va., Trena Watson of Santa Fe, N.M., Doris Alleshouse of Kendallville, and Cheryl Hayes of Hindman, Ky.; one step-son, Jeffrey Fish of Bloomington; three step-daughters, Jan McKee of Fort Worth, Tex., Jacqualine Gordon of San Diego, Calif., and JoEllen Wells of Garrett; two brothers, Orvis Watson of Maysville, Ky., and Clifford Watson of Painesville, Ohio; four sisters, Ruby Gibson of Dayton, Ohio, Lorenia Lykins and Grace Hicks, both of Cleveland, Ohio, and Cora Craft of Wayland, Ky.; nine grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

Aug 5, 1996

Services today for Gladys McNabb, 101

Gladys C. McNabb, 101, of Garrett, died Friday, Aug. 2, 1996, at 10:45 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at the First Church of Christ with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Newville. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the First Church of Christ.

Mrs. McNabb was born July 24, 1996, in St. Joe. Her parents were Wallace and Nettie (Coburn) Abel. She and Wilbur McNabb were married Nov. 12, 1916, in Newville. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1952.

Mrs. McNabb was a teacher from 1916 to 1919. She did alterations in her home from 1953 to 1979 and was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Church of Christ, Vigini Matres Club, Live, Laugh & Learn Club and the Loyal Women's class at the church.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Gladys I. McNabb of Garrett; two grandsons, Steve McNabb of Sawyer, Mich., and Dennis McNabb of Antwerp, Ohio; a granddaughter, Debbie Tarantino of Coloma, Mich.; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Harold McNabb; a grandson, Terry McNabb; a brother, Roy Abel; and two sisters, Bessie Lake and Blanch Tomlinson.

Aug 5, 1996

Services held for Edith S. Hall, 89

Edith S. Hall, widow of Dr. F. A. Hall, a former Garrett veterinarian, died Thursday, Aug. 1, at Miami, Fla., where she resided. She would have celebrated her 90th birthday on Aug. 2nd.

Funeral services were held at Kroeer Funeral Home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

She was a former member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Harmony Chapter #67 of the Order of Eastern Star, in which she held several state offices.

Survivors include three children, Dr. Arthur E. Hall of Elkhart, Dr. Marshall Hall of Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Harlow Hall of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. Ida Hadley of Pompano Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a sister-in-law, Lois Shoener of 209 Colony Drive, Garrett.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Arthur, Paul and Ervin Shoener, one sister, Gertrude Fanter, and a granddaugther, Rev. Debbie Hall.

Aug 8, 1996

Services Saturday for Frieda Riddle, 95

Frieda C.Riddle, 95, of Garrett, died Tuesday at 6:20 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor. She formerly lived at 905 South Franklin Street.

Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Andrew Higle officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the First Church of Christ, where she was a member.

Mrs. Riddle was born May 14, 1901, in Garrett. Her parents were Henry and Emma (Steinbruner) Sartor. She and Lysle A. Riddle were married June 5, 1934, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Jan. 15,1960. She was a homemaker and assembler for Creek Chub Bait for 37 1/2 years, retiring Dec. 31, 1966.

Survivors include one son, Edward Harwood of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Carl Sartor.

Aug 8, 1996

Services today for Agnes Smurr, 95

Agnes E. Smurr, 95, died Monday at 11:30 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor. She is a lifelong Garrett resident and previously lived at 510 West King Street.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with calling from 9 a.m. until the time of the services. Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Smurr was born Jan. 16, 1901, in DeKalb County. Her parents were Robert and Mabel (Lanning) Hosack. Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 1960. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Pythian Sister and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include four sons, William, Jack and John Smurr, all of Garrett, and James Smurr of Woodburn; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a half-brother, August Hosack.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Terrell, a brother, William Hosack and a grandchild.

Aug 12, 1996

Services held for William Cody, 56

William F. Cody, 56, of Waterloo, died Thursday at 4:15 a.m. at his home.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial was in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Mr. Cody was born Nov. 4, 1938, in Dixon, Tenn. His parents were Lester and Mable (Rodgers) Cody. He and Ora Lee Sumner were married Nov. 20, 1976. She survives. He was a self-employed carpenter and attended the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, William F. Cody Jr. of New Carlisle, Ohio, Timothy Cody of San Diego, Calif., and Jimmy W. Cody of Waterloo; three daughters, Robyn Cody of Garrett, Karen J. Vance of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Tina M. Cantrel of West Liberty, Ky.; two stepsons, Ricky D. Combs of Kendallville and Scotty R. Combs of Wolcottville; one brother, Tommy Cody of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters, Opal G. Gidiens of Dayton, Ohio, and Dalphine Treadwell of Dixon, Tenn.; and 15 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, James Darrell.

Aug 12, 1996

Services Saturday for Tom Haffner

Cloyd F. "Tom" Haffner, 71, died Thursday at 8:45 p.m. in Meadowhaven Health Care Center, Butler.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery. H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Haffner was born Nov. 12, 1924, in Portland. His parents were Richie and Mary (Bird) Haffner. He retired in 1982 from Dana Corp., Fort Wayne, after 30 years of service. He and his first wife, Helen Burns, were married Nov. 29, 1968. She preceded him in death on April 1, 1968. He and Edna M. Rollins were married Oct. 6, 1968, in Garrett. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are four sisters, Louanna Witherspoon of Garrett, Lora Freeman of Lousantville, Freda Romero of Elkhart and Erma James of Florida; one stepson, Robert Mock of Guerney, Ohio; four stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Betty Scott; a sister, Betty Haffner; and three brothers, Dale, Fred and Donald Haffner.

Aug 15, 1996

Services today for Helen O. Green, 92

Helen O. Green, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Winterhaven Hospital in Winterhaven, Fla. She was a former Garrett resident.

Graveside services will be held at Christian Union Cemetery today at 10 a.m. with Rev. William Haworth officiating. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Green was born Jan. 14, 1904, in Syracuse. Her parents were Artie and Maude (Peoples) Ott. She was the owner and operator of Helen's Beauty Shop in Garrett and was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include four nieces, Lois Albaugh and Cheryl Bishop, both of Winterhaven, Barbara Bishop of Atlanta, Ga., and Joann Packingham of Elkhart.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Russell Griffith; her second husband, Arden Green; a daughter, Patricia Pierson; and a brother, Joe Ott.

Aug 22, 1996

Services held for John McDermott

John Richard "Mac" McDermott, 80, of Citrus Heights, Calif., died Saturday, July 20, 1996, at his home. Word was received by Buford Smith from Mr. McDermott's widow.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July24th, at Roseville District Cemetery in Roseville, Calif., with Chaplain Michael Carroll officiating. Reichert's Funeral Services of Citrus Heights was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Mercy San Juan Hospice or the Sacramento Children's Home.

Mr. McDermott was born Sept. 17, 1915, in Garrett. He and Mary Elizabeth Ourada were married June 10, 1946, at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Denver. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division in Europe.

His 30 year career as a civilian attorney with the U.S. Air Force with the Judge Advocate's office took him family to many cities. He has been in Citrus Heights since 1981. He was a member of both the Society of Strategic Air Command and the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Veteran's Division. Mr. McDermott also enjoyed, in his retirement, traveling, gardening and reading.

Surviving with his wife, Mary, are a daughter, Peggy McDermott of Fair Oaks, Calif.; a granddaughter; a grandson; a brother, Charles McDermott of Wisconsin, and a sister, Helen McDermott of Indiana.

Aug 29, 1996

Services today for William DePew, 80

William C. DePew, 80, died Monday, Aug. 26, 1996, at 10:10 a.m. DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Services will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn with Rev. Steven Haiflich officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemtery.

Mr. DePew was born May 22, 1916, in Auburn. His parents were Isaiah and Alberta (Funk) DePew. He and Ruth L. Diehm were married on Oct. 8, 1946, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on April 15, 1972. Mr. DePew retired in 1978 from Rieke Corp., where he was a supervisor for 30 years.

Survivors include seven sons, Jim of Urbana, Ohio, Robert and Ike, both of Auburn; Vern of New Haven, Wesley of Butler, Ronald of Pleasant Lake and Jerry of Angola; three daughters, Anna Reinoehl of Ashley, Alberta Leach of Spiro, Okla., and Diane Freeman of Garrett; one sister, Hilda Relyea of Auburn; 27 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, John and Chuck, preceded him in death.

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Services held for Arthur L. Yarde, 78

Arthur L. Yarde, 78, of 11255 East Baseline Road, Avilla, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 1996, at 5:22 a.m. at Foote Hospital, Jackson, Mich.

Services were held Saturday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Yarde was born June 27, 1918, in Garrett. His parents were Roy L. and Ida (VanWye) Yarde. He and Lois E. Deihl were married July 15, 1937, in Harlan. She survives. He was a farmer and did farm ditching until his retirement in 1982.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Harry L. of Fort Wayne, and Roy A. of Avilla; a daughter, Sally Anderson of Jackson, Mich.; a brother, Jay Yarde of Avilla; two sisters, Viola Hillegas of Kendallville and Elsie Miller of Orland; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sept 3, 1996

Services held for baby, Adan Fuentes

Adan Fuentes, 11 days old, died Saturday, Aug. 31, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Monday at 11 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery with Fr. Ray Balzer officiating. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Little Adan was born Aug. 20 to Juana Fuentes and Daniel Mata of Fort Wayne.

Other survivors include a sister, Stephanie Mata of Woodburn; a brother, Daniel Mata of Woodburn; and grandparents, Jose and Ofelia Fuentes of Weslaco, Tex., and Mrs. Mata of Decatur.

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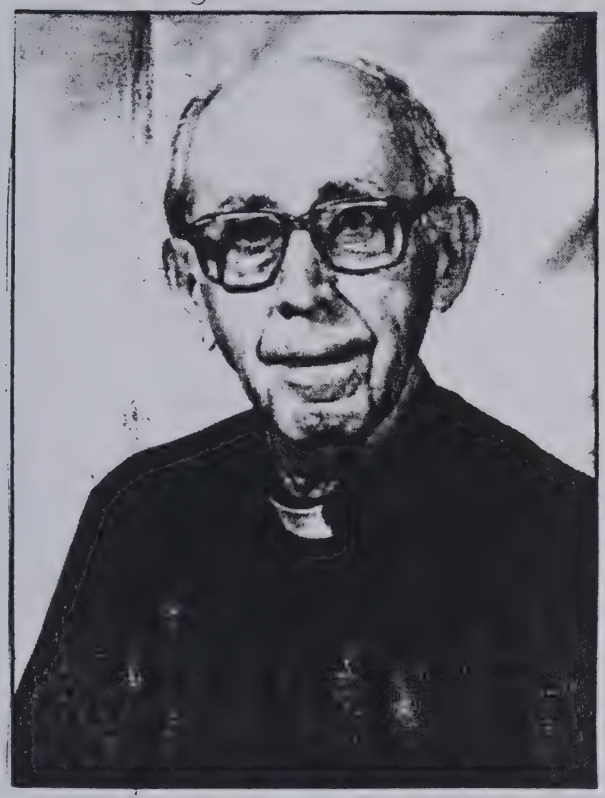

Father John A. Vrabely

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St. Joseph Priest, Fr. John Vrabely, dies

Father John A. Vrabely, 68, died Sunday, Aug. 18, 1996, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne. He had been serving as Pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church and School in Garrett for the past two years.

The funeral Mass will be today at 1 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, with calling one hour before the services. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Hammond on Friday, Aug. 23, at 10 a.m. Arrangements by Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, Fort Wayne.

St. Joseph School in Garrett will have an early dismissal today at 11 a.m. to attend the services.

A memorial services was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett on Wednesday evening.

Memorials may be given for Masses or to the donor's choice.

Fr. Vrabely was born in Whiting. His father was Stephen Vrabely and his mother was Julia Balog. Survivors include two sisters, Mary Lasics of East Chicago, Ill., and Sister Elizabeth Claire of St. Mary of the Woods; and a twin brother, Rev. George Vrabely of LaPorte.

Fr. Vrabely was a Roman Catholic Priest for the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Ben for 43 years. His primary education was at Sacred Heart School in Whiting and Sacred Heart Academy in Fort Wayne. His college education was Sacred Heart Academy in Fort Wayne. He attend St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad and Mount Saint Mary's of the West in Norwood, Ohio.

He was ordained on May 1, 1953, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, by Bishop John F. Noll.

Fr. Vrabely served as assistant at St. Mary Parish in Michigan City, assistant at Sacred Heart Parish in South Bend and also taught at St. Joseph High School and assistant at St. Matthew Parish in South Bend.

He was appointed superintendent at St. Joseph High School in South Bend on June 7, 1957, and at the same time gave assistance to the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish.

On July 1, 1967, Fr. Vrabely was appointed pastor of St. Mary of the Annunication Church in Bristol, and area superintendent of the schools. He was appointed Diocesan Coordinator of the Permanent Deacon training program in 1973. He then came to the Garrett Parish on June 21, 1994.

Father John, as he was so lovingly called, was very special to the little children. At the end of every Mass the little ones couldn't wait to go to the altar and walk down the aisle with him.

Fr. Vrabely was a kind and gentle gentleman to his parishioners and to his many friends in the Garrett community. He will truly be missed.

August 22, 1996

Services today at Performing Arts for Brian Wallace, 17

Brian A. Wallace, 17, of 1718 CR 40, Auburn, died Monday, Aug. 19, 1996, at 6 a.m. at his home.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at the Garrett High School Performing Arts Center with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County 4-H Shooting Sports.

Brian was born May 1, 1979, in Auburn. His parents are Max A. and Shirley A. (Haynes) Wallace. He was a junior at Garrett High School, where he also was a member of the GHS Band and FFA. He was a member of the 4-H Lucky Birds and worked at Kroger's in Auburn.

Surviving with his parents is his paternal grandmother, Beverly Wallace of Garrett.

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Calling today for LaVon Bradley, 80

LaVon G. Bradley, 80, of 306 East Railroad Street, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 1996, at 2:30 a.m. at her home.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Services will be held at the funeral home at 1 p.m. Wednesday with Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Bradley was born Dec. 31, 1915, in Auburn. She and Donald Bradley were married July 23, 1970, in Michigan. He survives. She worked at Hubbard Spool and retired in 1977 after 27 years of service.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, June Dickson of Auburn and Virginia Haas of Garrett; one stepson, Raymond Bradley of Fishers; one stepdaughter, Deborah Woodword of Cecil, Ohio; two sisters, Olive Hess and Kathryn Munk, both of Auburn; eight grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Sept 9, 1996

Services held for Iva Weaver, 94

Iva Marie Weaver, 94, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 1996, at 7 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services were held Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Richard Urbine officiating. Bruial was in Christian Union Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Mrs. Weaver was born May 31, 1902, in Kent County, Mich. Her parents were John and Alice (Purdy) Arens. She and Raymond A. Weaver were married May 12, 1922, in Hillsdale, Mich. He preceded her in death on March 7, 1979. She worked at Wyatt Hardware and at the Boston Store for eight years. Mrs. Weaver was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Harvest House and Rosary Society.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Creager of Garrett, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Bernard L. Weaver, and one grandchild.

Sept 9, 1996

Services held for former resident

Helen June Greenawalt, 72, of Fort Wayne, died at her home on Thursday, Sept. 5, 1996.

Services were held Sunday at Christian Union Cemetery, northwest of Garrett. Private viewing was held for the family.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Eastern Star Harmony Chapter, in Garrett.

Mrs. Greenawalt was born in Garrett on July 26, 1924. Her parents were Robert W. and Vera M. (Callahan) Ross. She and Donald H. Greenawalt were married July 4, 1952. He survives. She was a beautician for 24 years and also worked in customer service at Sears for 11 years.

Also surviving are two sons, Marston C. Greenawalt of Fort Wayne and Ross D. Greenawalt of Muncie; and one sister, Mrs. Randy (Roberta) Duff of Garrett.

Sept 9, 1996

Services held for infant Derek Gentis

Derek Gentis was stillborn Wednesday, Aug. 28, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, Aug. 31, in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his parents, Patrick and Dianne Gentis of Auburn; four brothers, Dustin, Damon, Donovan and Daniel; and two sisters, Devin and Deanna, all at home.

Sept 9, 1996

Services held for Naomi Heiman, 76

Naomi E. Heiman, 76, of LaOtto, died Wednesday at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services were held Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Avilla. Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church building fund or Hope Alive building fund.

Mrs. Heiman was born Sept. 21, 1919, in Steuben County. Her parents were Orley and Ethel Eshelman. She and Henry Heiman were married April 18, 1936, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 1988.

Survivors include five sons, Louis F. of Kendallville, David and Henry, both of Avilla, Daniel of McClish Lake, and Richard of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and a sister, Etta Byrne of San Diego, Calif.

Sept 9, 1996

Calling today for Hellen Steward, 81

Hellen B. Steward, 81, of Garrett, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 1996, at 9 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Steward was born Aug. 19, 1915, in Garrett. Her parents were Walter F. and Blanche (Ayres) Alford. She and Victor C. Steward were married June 11, 1942, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Feb. 4, 1990. She was a clerk at Williams Grocery for 29 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Garrett United Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two sons, Leonard and Don, both of Garrett; one daughter, Eleanore Griffith of LaJolla, Calif.; two brothers, Dr. James A. Alford of Tallahassee, Fla., and Russell Alford of Naples, Fla.; one sister, Alice Beber of Garrett; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Laura Williams.

Sept 12, 1996

Calling today for Jimmy Bennett, 74

James R. (Jimmy) Bennett, 74, of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1996, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 5-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. William Dunfee and Rev. Paul L. Burrus officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Public Library Building Fund.

Mr. Bennett was born April 27, 1922. His parents were Warren and Mabel (Harris) Bennett. He was a WW II Army Air Corp veteran and retired in 1984 after 43 years of service as a traffic engineer at Coopers in Auburn. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Gene.

Survivors include two sons, Michael J. of Waterloo, and Patrick R. of Garrett; three brothers, Waldo of Lafayette, Ohio, Ralph of Findlay, Ohio, and John of Syracuse, N.Y.; three sisters, Barbara Lab of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Geneva Lehman of Pandora, Ohio, and Carol Pfeffer of Maples, N.Y.; and six grandchildren.

Sept 12, 1996

Services held for Anne Ueber Green

Anne Ueber Green, 89, passed away at the Laurel Care Center in Laurel, Montana, on Thursday, Sept. 5, 1996.

She was born Oct. 20, 1906, in Avilla, the youngest daughter of John and Theresa Ueber. She was preceded in death by her three sisters, Augusta Moran, Marie Costin and Agnes Sobraske. Four brothers died in childhood in a single diphtheria epidemic. Most of her life was spent in Garrett, where she married L. Dale Green in 1930. There, with a few friends, they founded Insurance Trustees Incorporated, a business that still thrives today. In 1974 they moved to Laguna Hills, Calif., where Mr. Green died in 1984. In 1993, she moved to West Park Village in Billings, Mt., to spend her last years near her son.

Mrs. Green leaves her only child, John W. Green, and his wife, Carol, of Billings. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Elizabeth Anne Green of Mill Valley, Calif., and Brian D. Green of Santa Barbara, Calif. Other survivors include nephews, Robert Sobraske, and wife, Virginia, of Menlo Park, Calif., John Costin, and wife, Diane, of Garrett; nieces, Virgilia Kinsey of Placentia, Calif., Mary Jo Sobraske Flynn and Patricia Costin Engel, both of LaCanada, Calif.; and a number of grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at St. Thomas Church in Billings.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

Sept 12, 1996

Services today for Jay Hollinger, 91

Jay E. Hollinger, 91, died Monday, Sept. 9, 1996, at 12:53 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials contributions may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. Hollinger was born Nov. 21, 1904, in Goshen. His parents were Alfred and Mabel (Hoover) Hollinger. He and Violet Wheeler were married Jan. 24, 1927. She survives. He was a Wilmington Township farmer and retired in 1966 with 26 years of service at Warner Gear in Auburn. He formerly worked at the Auburn Automobile Co. Mr. Hollinger was a motorman and conductor on the interurban railroad, which ran through Garrett between Fort Wayne, Waterloo and Kendallville.

Mr. Hollinger was a member of the Hamilton Grange, a former member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, and attended the Butler Church of the Nazarene. He was a former member of the DeKalb County Fiar Board and formerly served as the supervisor of the Exhibit Hall.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Jean Faulkner of Corunna, and Carol Lung of Butler; one sister, Maxine Lantz of Berne; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two nieces, Sally Stuckey and Sarah Baumgartner.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Opal Luce; one son-in-law, Jack Faulkner; and two grandsons, Brian Lung and Kevin Faulkner.

Service held for Mary Elizabeth Anderson

A burial service was held Tuesday morning for Mary Elizabeth Anderson, 88, who died Dec. 2, 1995. She had been a resident of Silver Spring, Md.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 7, 1995, at the Olney, Md., Methodist Church. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery on Sept. 10, 1996, with Rev. Daryl Climenhaga officiating.

Mrs. Anderson was born July 28, 1907, in Garrett. Her parents were Leslie and Anna (Best) Stoner. She and William M. Anderson were married Oct. 21, 1933. He preceded her in death. She was a kindergarten teacher, first holding classes in her home, and later when kindergarten became part of the school systems, she taught in public schools until her retirement.

Survivors include one daughter, Doris Ann Rosenfield of Potomac, Md.; one granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

Sept 12, 1996

Services today for Edward Mayfield

Edward K. Mayfield, 86, died Monday, Sept. 9, 1996, at Miller's Merry Manor. He formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at the Winchester Road Chapel of Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Calling will be from noon until time of the service. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to South Wayne Baptist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. Mayfield was born May 21, 1910, in Auburn. His parents were R. Franklin and Ruth (Keeran) Mayfield. His wife, Dorothy W. (Warnock), preceded in in death in April of this year.

Survivors include one son, George F. of Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.; one sister, Helen Pickering of Garrett; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sept 19, 1996

Services held for Rusty Steed, 70

Rusty Porter Steed, 70, of Kendallville, died Friday, Sept. 13, 1996, at 3:53 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday at Corunna Cemetery with Rev. Earl Tackett officiating.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the House of Prayer in Corunna.

Mr. Steed was born March 12, 1926, in Fort Wayne. His parents were Marshall C. and Suzanne (Busz) Steed. He and Sarah Lequire were married July 5, 1967, in Woodruff. She preceded him in death on Sept. 20, 1992. Mr. Steed lived in Florida for many years and in Kendallville since 1992. He was a country and western musician, playing rattle bones. He traveled throughout the United States and later played with Joe Taylor and the Red Birds and was on WOWO radio's "Little Red Barn" program. He was a member of the House of Prayer in Corunna and the Albion Eagles.

Survivors include two nieces, Nancy Frain of Auburn and Katherine Swonger of Garrett; two nephews, Amos Randol of Hamilton and Raymond Randol of Garrett; and 12 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Sept 19, 1996

Services today for Vickie Miller, 43

Vickie L. Miller, 43, of Howe, died Monday, Sept. 16, at 4:51 a.m. at her home.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. in Brighton Chapel, Brighton, with Rev. George Youstra officiating. Burial will be in Greewood Cemetery, LaGrange. Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Mrs. Miller was born Feb. 17, 1953, in Sturgis, Mich., to Robert and Norma (Weldon) Chapman. Her mother, Norma Hoff, preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 1977. She and LaVerne Miller were married on June 23, 1984, in LaGrange. He survives. She was a beautician and owned and operated City Limits Hair Designs in LaGrange. She was a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority in LaGrange.

Surviving with her husband and father are a daughter, Mrs. Matt (Jessica) Hoffman of LaGrange; two sons, Christopher E. Wiard of LosAngeles, and Justin P. Wiard of Howe: three step-daughters; a stepson; a sister, Deb. Keplinger of LaGrange; five half-sisters; two half-brothers, including Robert Woodward of Garrett; and 11 step-grandchildren.

Sept 26, 1996

Services held for Margaret Stefanska

Margaret J. Stefanska, 87, died on Sunday, Sept. 22, at the home of her niece and nephew, Linda and Bob Cuckler, in Uniontown, Ohio.

Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday, Sept. 25, at the Nativity Catholic Church in Uniontown. Hopkins Lawver Funeral Home in Akron, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Stefanska was born in Garrett. She worked at the Garrett Clinic for many years and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church until moving to Ohio.

Surviving in addition to her niece with whom she lived are two nephews, Jack Schiffli of Indianapolis, and Dr. Robert Schiffli of Birmingham, Ala.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Clara Schlosser and Leola Schiffli.

Sept 26, 1996

Services Friday for Raymond Ruger, 84

Raymond V. Ruger, 84, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 6:10 p.m. at Kendallville Manor in Kendallville.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church on CR 40A, Auburn. Calling will be after noon on Friday until time of the services. Pastor Dave Snodderly will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, rural Corunna. Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests preferred memorials to Marilyn Ruger, 5193 CR 19, Garrett.

Mr. Ruger was born Oct. 20, 1911, in Antwerp, Ohio. His parents were Ward and Anna (Matzen) Ruger. He and Marilyn Nicholson were married on July 5, 1957, in Guadalajara, Mexico. She survives. He was a welder at Gladieux Refinery, Fort Wayne, and retired in 1982.

Surviving besides his wife are one son, Jack, of Garrett; four daughters, Marilyn Etzler of Payne, Ohio, Carolyn Wolfe of Gaylord, Mich., and Jackie DeWitt and Kathy Back, both of Garrett; three brothers, Dean of Houlton Lake, Mich., Edward of Florida, and Richard of New Haven; one sister, Gladys Williams of Pasadena, Tex.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Sept 26, 1996

Max Earl Young died on Sept. 10

Max Earl Young, 75, of Churubusco, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, at his winter home in Palm Harbor, Fla.

The Clearwater American Legion Color Guard performed the funeral services on Monday, Sept. 16, at the Curlew Hills Memorial Gardens in Palm Harbor. Interment will be at a later date at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Legion Post 157, Main Street, Churubusco, or the Blue Lake Association, c/o Dick Hamilton, 6858 Harrold Place, Churubusco.

Mr. Young was born in Kendallville on March 2, 1921. He worked 30 years as a brew master at Old Crown Brewery and Falstaff Brewing Company in Fort Wayne. He received the World War II Victory Medal while serving duty as a noncommissioned officer of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Blanchard Young; a daughter, Marilyn Rose Young; two granddaughters, Autumn Young Stanek and Pamela Tracy; two stepsons, Clayton D. Blanchard, Jr., and John C. Blanchard; and a brother, Robert Young of Garrett. One daughter, Elaine Tracy, preceded him in death in 1983.

Sept 26, 1996

Calling Friday for Mary Custer, 51

Mary L. Custer, 51, of 317 East Covell Street, died Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Saturday with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Custer was born Aug. 12, 1945, in Garrett. Her parents were George and Ruth B. (Donley) Peters. She and Daniel Custer Sr. were married Sept. 18, 1962, in Garrett. He survives. She was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

Surviving with her husband are five sons, Daniel Jr., and James A., both of Garrett, Ronald W. of Plainfield, Thomas L. of Westville, and Kenneth L., address unknown; one sister, Hazel M. Martin of Kendallville; two grandchildren and her mother-in-law, Maxine Franks of Garrett.

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Sept 30, 1996

Services held for Levi Robert Griffith

Levi Robert Griffith, 86, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1996, at The Arbors in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mr. Griffith was born in LaGrange. He had lived in Fort Wayne since 1943. He retired from International Harvester in 1970 after 37 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian; two sons, Jerry D. of Rockville, Md., and Larry D. of Garrett; two daughters, Gwendalyn J. Bray of Concord, N.C., and Gwenadean J. West of Loudon, Tenn.; 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

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Sept 30, 1996

Services today for Andrew Hollis, 82

Andrew F. Hollis, 82, of 117 South Johnson Street, died Friday, Sept. 27, 1996, at 1:23 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Richard Urbine officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Mr. Hollis as born Feb. 13, 1914, in Garrett. His parents were Andrew and Ida Mae (Richard) Hollis. He and Agnes M. Molargik were married June 22, 1940, in Ege. She survives. He was a conductor on the B & O Railroad for over 40 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a lifetime member of the Garrett Eagles.

Surviving with his wife are one son, James Hollis of Corunna; two daughters, Jean Frohriep of Leo, and Joyce McBride of Garrett; one brother, Robert Hollis of Avilla; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Leo, Joe Germaine, Alyouisus, Joe, Bernard and Lawrence, and four sisters, Margaret McGoughlin, Bernice, Florence and Bernadette Hollis.

Sept 30, 1996

Services held for Mary L. Custer, 51

Mary L. Custer, 51, of 317 East Covell Street, died Wednesday, Sept. 25, 1996, at 12:45 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Custer was born Aug. 12, 1945, in Garrett. Her parents were George and Ruth B. (Donley) Peters. She and Daniel Custer Sr., were married Sept. 18, 1962, in Garrett. He survives. She was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

Surviving with her husband are five sons, Daniel Jr., and James. A., both of Garrett, Ronald W. of Plainfield, Thomas L. of Westville, and Kenneth L., address unknown; three brothers, George Peters and Harry Peters, both of Garrett, and John Peters of Auburn; one sister, Hazel M. Martin of Kendallville; two grandchildren and her mother-in-law, Maxine Franks of Garrett.

Oct 3, 1996

Services held for Sarah Rensberger

Sarah Rensberger of Florence, Ky., died Tuesday, Sept. 24, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center South in Edgewood, Ky.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Sept. 26, at Lakeside Christian Church. The body was donated to the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Memorials are directed to the church children's department.

Miss Rensberger was formerly of Garrett and graduated from Garrett High School in 1939. She also is a graduate of Cincinnati Bible College. She was secretary for Latonia Christian Church for 20 years, where she was choir director and superintendent of the children's department. After working at Latonia Christian, Miss Rensberger took a job as an editor of children's material at Standard Publishing Co., until her retirement at age 65.

She was a member of the Lakeside Christian Church in Lakeside Park since its beginning.

Survivors include a sister, Joanna Hart of California; and a sister-in-law, Bernadette Rensberger in Indiana.

Oct 7, 1996

Calling Tuesday for Joseph L. Geyer, 75

Joseph L. Geyer, 75, of Wabash, died Saturday, Oct. 5, at 12 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor West in Wabash.

Friends may call from 12-2 p.m. Tuesday at Main Street Chapel, Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service in Wabash. Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Main Street Chapel.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Wabash Friends Church or the Wabash County Humane Society.

Mr. Geyer was born Dec. 18, 1920, in Monticello. His parents were Ray E. and Lucy M. (Lieter) Geyer. He formerly lived in Garrett and was a graduate of Garrett High School. He and Lois R. Mains were married Oct. 25, 1947, in Auburn. She survives. He retired from Deihl Machines in Wabash where he was a salesman.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mary Margaret Geyer and Laurie Allen, both of Wabash; two sisters, Margaret Jackson of Hartford City and Mary Helen Williams of San Antino, Tex.; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. One brother preceded him in death.

Oct 7, 1996

Services today for Arlene V. Kirkley

Arlene V. Kirkley, 71, of 1717 Homestead Dr., died Friday, Oct. 4, 1996, at 2:46 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at Kuiper Funeral Home, Highland, with Rev. Frank Worthington officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Lawn Cemetery, Schererville. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

The family has requested memorials to the Arthiritus Foundation.

Mrs. Kirkley was born Aug. 14, 1925. Her parents were Erbin and Ruby (Lane) Lanier. She and Lawrence Kirkley were married March 26, 1942, in Tevares, Fla., he survives. Mrs. Kirkley was a homemaker. She was a member of the Ross Baptist Church, Gary.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, James Kirkley of Gary and John Kirkley of Crown Point; three daughters, Theresa Romich of Garrett and Laura Gordon and Judy Frederick both of Griffith; three brothers, Swanson Lanier of Statesboro, Ga., Ray Lanier of St. John, and Donald Lanier of Auburn, Ala.; four sisters, Jo Wilhite of Auburn, Ala., Betty Bowler of Statesboro, Ga., Peggy Olive of Atlanta, Ga., and Missy Chester of Statesboro, Ga; nine grandchildren and three great-children.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Bobby Lanier.

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Oct 10, 1996

Calling today for Dora Ellen Freeman

Dora Ellen Freeman, 86, died Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor. She formerly lived in Jackson Township.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Services will be held at the funeral home Friday at 2 p.m. with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Mrs. Freeman was born Nov. 17, 1909, in Fulton County, Ohio. Her parents were Charles and Sarah (Stutzman) Porter. She and Judson Guy Freeman were married on Oct. 5, 1927. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1992. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Survivors include two sons, Lavern Freeman of Kendallville and Stanley Freeman of Auburn; one daughter, Erma Casselman of Garrett; two sisters, Verda Strachn of Adrian, Mich., and Alice Creighton of Saganaw, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Wilma Freeman, five brothers and five sisters.

Oct 14, 1996

Services held for Claudia Cousino

Claudia K. Cousino, 13 days old, of Kendallville, died Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 4:02 p.m. in Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Friday at Lake View Cemetery Chapel, in Kendallville, with Rev. Charles Mosley of Bethany Christian Church officiating.

She was born in Fort Wayne Sept. 25, 1996. Her parents are Bryan Cousino of Garrett and Barbara Gooslin of Kendallville.

Also surviving are her maternal grandmother, Barbara Wells of Kendallville, paternal grandparents, Virginia Cousino and Kenneth Cousino, both of Garrett, paternal great-grandparents, Mabel Aborn of Auburn and Don Cousion of Avilla, and paternal step-grandfather, Al Wiechert of Garrett.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, was in charge of arrangements.

Oct 17, 1996

Services held for Ernest Brown, 61

Ernest A. "Brownie" Brown, 61, of Nappanee, died Saturday in Sturgis, Mich.

Services were held Tuesday at Thompson & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Burial was in Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Nappanee Emergency Medical Services, Whiskerville Truckers, American Lung Association or American Heart Association.

Mr. Brown was born in Paulding County, Ohio, he had lived in Fort Wayne until moving to Nappanee 35 years ago. He was retired from Fidler Inc., Goshen.

Survivors include his wife, Viva A.; three daughters, Debra K. Teal, Pamela S. Zentz and Lynn M. LeCount, all of Nappanee; three sons, Dennis of Warsaw, Roger of Nappanee and Michael of Middlebury; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and three sisters, Bonnie Parrish of Morristown, Tenn., Jane Norris of Garrett, and Mary Alice Beam of Monroeville.

The Garrett Clipper

Oct 21, 1996

Services held for Robert McCullough

Robert W. McCullough, 72, of Garrett, died Thursday, Oct. 17, at 4 a.m. at Millers Merry Manor, where he was a resident.

Services were held Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Stratman officiating. Burial took place at Christian Union Cemetery with graveside Military Services by the Garrett American Legion.

Preferred Memorials are to the DeKalb County Hospice.

Mr. McCullough was born April 19, 1924, in Auburn. His parents were John McCullough and Lelah (Winn) McCullough. He was employed by the B&O Railroad as a signal operator for ten years, and a World War II army veteran.

Surviving are his daughter, Cathy Wells of Garrett and his son, Randy McCullough of Fort Wayne. One daughter, Deborah Neukom, is deceased. Also surviving is a sister, Betty Lewis, of Garrett, 15 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mr. McCullough is also survived by a second family, Keith Robbins and Cindy Robbins of Auburn, and Jackie Baker and Crystal Hollinger of Garrett.

Oct 21, 1996

Bulletin

Lela Weaver died Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at Lutheran Home Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. Arrangements pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. For more information call 357-4022.

Oct 21, 1996

Bulletin

Thais LaRue, 82, died Sunday at 11:50 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. For more information call 357-4022.

Oct 28, 1996

Services held for June Swander

June M. Swander, 73, of Punta Garda, Fla., died Wednesday, Oct. 16, in Florida.

Private memorial services were held at Lindenwood Chapel, in Fort Wayne. Burial was in the Lindenwood Cemetery, in Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to the DeKalb County Hospice or DeKalb County Cancer Society.

She was born in Auburn on Dec. 24, 1922. Her parents were Wilbur and Gertrude (Maurer) Swander. She worked as a mail clerk at the Fort Wayne Post Office.

Surviving is her brother, Gerald Swander of Ogden Utah, and her sisters, Winifred Peters and Garnet Dirr, both of Garrett, and Florine Strong of Fort Wayne. She is preceded in death by one brother, Wilbur Swander Jr. and two sisters, Beverly Parker and Marcille Swander.

Oct 31, 1996

Services set for Minnie Gump, 102

Minnie L. Gump, 102, of Garrett, died Monday, Oct. 28, at 6:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Calling will be Friday, Nov. 1, from 2-8 p.m., at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be conducted by Lloyd Mealer of the First Church of Christ, at the funeral home on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 1:30 pm. Burial will be in the Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Preferred memorials are to the First Church of Christ or the donor's choice.

Mrs. Gump was born Dec. 23, 1893, in Fairfield Center, DeKalb County. Her parents were August and Augusta (Lohrman) Kuckuck. She and Forrest W. Gump were married in March of 1932, in South Bend. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1988. She was a school teacher in the Fairfield township school and the Ashley Schools for 16 years, and a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death are five brothers, Fred Kuckuck, August Kuckuck, William Kuckuck, Louis Kuckuck, Carl Kuckuck, Emil Kuckuck, and Harold Kuckuck, and three sisters, Bertha Kuckuck, Lena Betz, and Emma Farrington.

Nov 4, 1996

Calling today for Edith Imhoff, 78

Edith S. Imhoff, 78, of Garrett, died Saturday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Mrs. Imhoff was born in Winneconne, Wisc. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Donald D. Imhoff; a brother, Melvin Keller of Wisconsin; and two sisters, Mildred Behling of Cedarburn, Wisc., and Phyllis Went of Fond du Lack, Wisc.

Nov 4, 1996

Calling today for Bertha Stanton, 93

Bertha L. Standton, 93, of 113 North Britton Street, died at her home at 11 p.m. Friday.

Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home today from 2-8 p.m. Servies will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Brial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Riley Childrens Hospital.

Mrs. Stanton was born Nov. 1, 1903, in Montpelier, Ohio. Her parents were William L. and Anna (Railing) Straub. She and Walter Dove were married on April 24, 1920. He preceded her in death in 1963. She later married Glen Stanton in 1971 in Hudson. He died in 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Survivors include two daughters, Wanda Tackels of Garrett and Thelma Woodward of Fort Wayne; one son, Howard Dove of Auburn; a stepson, William Stanton of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Deloris Frane and Margaret Cox, both of Fort Wayne; 30 grandchildren, 55 great-grandchildren, 24 great-great-grandchildren, and 21 great-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Freida Hoffman, and 14 brothers and sisters.

Nov 4, 1996

Services Tuesday for Frances Lemish, 79

Frances C. Lemish, 79, died Friday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She was a former resident of Garrett.

Friends may call today from 3-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Rosary services will be at 4 p.m. The funeral will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Garrett at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Bruial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

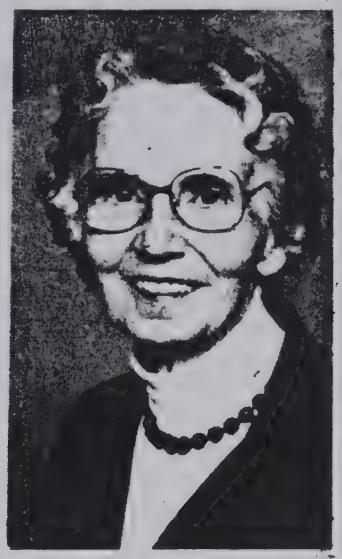
The family has requested preferred memorials to Masses or Alzheimer's Unit at Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. Lemish was born in Ashley. She was a homemaker. Her husband, Bernard C. Lemish, preceded her in death in 1969.

Survivors include two sons, Paul W. of Urbana, Ohio, and Alan F. of Garrett; three daughters, Carol A. Carwile of Auburn, Patricia R. Hochstedler of Green Town and Nancy L. DePew of Garrett; three brothers, Elden Miller of Gibson, City, Herb Miller of Montpelier, Ohio, and Peter Miller of Ashley; five sisters, Elizabeth Smith of Hillsboro, Ohio, Josephine Riddle of LaBelle, Fla., Mary Ferris of Niceville, Fla.; Phyllis Hartman of Angola and Connie Foley of Elk Grove, Calif.; her stepmother, Frances Farrell of California; two stepbrothers, Eugene Piatek and John Piatek, both of Florida; a stepsister, Patty Clark of California; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services held for Mary K. Steward

Nov 4, 1996



Mary K. Steward, 82, of Garrett, died Thursday, Oct. 31, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services were held Saturday, Nov. 2, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Father Richard Urbine officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

The family has requested memorials to the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mrs. Steward was born in Garrett on June 6, 1914. Her parents were Eugene and Estella (Moorehouse) Fogeding. She married Walter Steward on May 5, 1939, in Albion. Mr. Steward preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1957. She was a registered nurse at the Garrett Community Hospital, and also worked for Dr. Treadwell and Dr. Greenberg at the Garrett Clinic from 1969 until she retired in 1986. Mrs. Steward was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Harvest House, Rosary Society, and the DeKalb County Nurses Association.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Skip Claxton, of Garrett, son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Dee Steward, of Grabill, son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Coleen Steward, of Garrett, son, David Steward, of Kendallville, son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Barbara Steward, of Littleton, Col. She also is survived by one sister, Marguerite Quattlebaum, of Arlington, Va.; 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter-in-law, Suzanne Steward.

Nov 14, 1996

Services set for Mabel Curry, 87

Mabel Huffman Curry, 87, died Tuesday at 2:08 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Calling will be 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb and Son's Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Services will be at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Friday, with Pastor Thomas Eggold officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested memorials to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Zion Lutheran Church, Garrett, and Millers's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Mrs. Curry was born March 3, 1909 in Roanoke. Her parents were Verne and Elfa (Carter) Huffman. She retired in 1972 after 22 years of service at General Electric Co. She also was a manager at Andrews Co., Kokomo, a sales person for Harris Furniture, Athens, Ohio, and a bookkeeper for Evans Furniture Co., Parkersburg, Vir.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, General Electric Elex Club, Honorettes Chapter, and Den Mother for the Cub Scouts at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for 30 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Marian Klinger of Garrett, and Melinda Peppler of Fort Wayne; one son, Hal Curry of Gaithersburg, Md.; one sister, Mildred Finrow, of Fort Wayne, and one brother, Thomas Huffman, of Panorama City, Cal. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Nov 18, 1996

Services held for Ruth Dirrim, 80

Ruth Allen Dirrim, 80, of Wabash, died Wednesday at 7:20 a.m. at the Wabash Skilled Care Center.

Services were held Friday at the Main Street Chapel of Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with Rev. Jeffrey D. Smith officiating. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Nashville, Tenn., where a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Dirrim is being treated.

Mrs. Dirrim was born Jan. 20, 1916, in Paoli. Her parents were Cornelius G. and Orpha (Brown) McPheeters. She and Harold G. Dirrim were married July 3, 1937. He preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1980. She was a 1934 graduate of Garrett High School, where she played on the state champion women's basketball team. She was a member of the Wabash Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathy Bowman of Wabash and Sue Irwin of McHenry, Ill.; five brothers, Dan McPheeters of Fort Wayne, Gary McPheeters, Maurice McPheeters and Jack McPheeters, all of Garrett, and Jesse McPheeters of San Diego, Calif.; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters.

Nov 18, 1996

Bulletin

Kathryn M. Ice, 71, died Sunday evening at her home. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. There will be no visitation.

Nov 18, 1996

Roy Phillips, 47, killed in auto accident Friday

Roy P. Phillips, 47, of 1425 CR 54, Garrett, died in an auto accident early Friday morning on SR 327 at CR 28, north of Garrett.

Mr. Phillips was northbound on SR 327 at about 6:20 a.m. Friday when Joseph L. Sylve, 43, of Kendallville, who was driving eastbound on SR 28. According to the police report, Sylve failed to stop at the stop sign and struck the left front end of Phillips' truck, which spun off the road and struck a utility police and telephone box.

Services Set

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Glenn Mulligan officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Phillips was born Dec. 2, 1949, in Knoxville, Tenn. His parents are Andy and Florence Phillips of Harriman, Tenn. He and Sandy Fousnought were married Oct. 5, 1985, in Auburn. She survives. He worked at Hoosier Wire, Plant #3, in Avilla. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, and was a Viet Nam veteran.

Surviving with his wife and parents are a son, Roi P. Phillips of Auburn; two grandchildren and four sisters, all from Harriman.

Nov 21, 1996

Services Saturday for Mary (Fluke) Best, 71

Mary L. Best, 71, of Auburn, died Wednesday at her home.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Humane Shelter or Hospice of DeKalb County.

Mrs. Best was born July 17, 1925, in Auburn. Her parents were George C. and Gratia I. (Walter) Fluke. She and Clarence E. Best were married Jan. 24, 1953, in Garrett. He survives. She retired in 1975 as an assembler at Dana Corp. in Auburn after 31 years. She was a member of the DeKalb County and Garrett Historical Societies.

Surviving with her husband are two brothers, Phillip W. Fluke of Virginia Beach, Va., and Elton N. Fluke of Waterloo; one sister, Sarah J. Betts of Big Long Lake.

One sister, Doris M. Somers, preceded her in death.

Nov 21, 1996

Services today for Clara Ervin, 102

Services will be held today, Nov. 21 for Clara Ervin, formerly of Garrett. She died Monday, Nov. 18, at the Parkview Nursing Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Services will be at McKee-Miles Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m. today. Burial will follow in the Christian Union Cemetery, with Pastor William Haworth officiating.

Mrs. Ervin was born Jan. 3, 1894, in Garrett. Her parents were Carl and Anna (Heinzerling). She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett Order of Eastern Star, Garrett VFW Auxiliary, Garrett Brotherhood of Railroad Trainman Auxiliary, Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and Faith Shrine, and pianist for her church and Garrett VFW.

Survivors include two daughters, Helen Pence of Bryan Ohio, and Marie Sapp of Angola; and one son, Paul Ervin of Butler. Mrs. Ervin has 14 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by one son; Charles Ervin, four brothers; Ed Grischke, Walt Grischke, Oscar Grischke, and Paul Grischke, two sisters; Alma Grischke and Meta Grischke.

Nov 21, 1996

Services held for Kathryn M. Ice, 71

Kathryn M. Ice, 71, of 613 West Warfield Street, died Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at her home.

Services were held Wednesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Ice was born May 8, 1925, in Garrett. Her parents were Harry and Pearl (Workman) Simcox. She and Charles R. Ice were married Nov. 25, 1953, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on July 1, 1982. She was a secretary at Messenger Corp. for 15 years. Mrs. Ice was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and Order of Eastern Star, Garrett.

Survivors include one son, Danny Ice of 1021 East Talley Street; three grandchildren and one brother, Charles Simcox of Garrett. She was preceded in Garrett by a half-brother, Pat O'Brien.

Dec 9, 1996

Services held for Oleva Everett, 90

Oleva G. Everett, 90, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at Woodview Healthcare in Fort Wayne. She was a Garrett native.

Services were held Saturday in Ascension Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Covington Memorial Garden. D. O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Heart Association.

Mrs. Everett was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, in 1993.

Survivors include one daughter, Donna Grable of LaOtto; a son, Henry Zimmerman of Garrett; a sister, Marie Dunn of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Dec 5, 1996

Services held for Frank Elder, 80

Frank E. Elder, 80, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Nov. 30, at 4:30 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Rev. Stephen J. Dunn officiated. Burial was in the Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested memorials be made to the Anthony Wayne First Church of God or to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, Chicago Unit.

Mr. Elder was born in Fort Wayne, Aug. 30, 1916. His parents were Frank and Louise (Doctor) Elder. He was retired from General Electric Co. after 25 years of service. Mr. Elder was also a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He was a member of the Anthony Wayne Church of God, Summit City Lodge #170, F & AM, York Rite Bodies, Mizpah Shrine and the Shrine Band, also American Legion Post 47 and the Post 47 band.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Elder, and Ricky Elder, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jill Netzke, of Fort Wayne; three step-sons, Larry Smith, and Kippy Smith, both of Fort Wayne, and Benny Smith, of Garrett.

Mr Elder is also survived by ten grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

Dec 5, 1996

Services held for Douglas Ritchie, 50

Douglas M. Ritchie, 50, of 11528 E 100 S, Avilla, died suddenly on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 2:15 a.m. at Parkview Hospital Emergency Room.

Services were held last Saturday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, north of Kendallville. Rev. Charles Mosley and Rev. Willie Collins officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Mr. Ritchie was born Oct. 6, 1946, in South Milford to Arnold and Dicy (Polly) Ritchie. She and Evelyn Shepherd were married Oct. 10, 1964, in South Milford. She survives. He was a coremaker at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for 24 years. He was a member and trustee at Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Douglas J. Ritchie of Homer, Mich.; two daughters, Donna Thompson of Kendallville, and Laura Ritchie of Wolcottville; one brother, Joe Ritchie of Vicco, Ky.; one sister, Moselle Jacobs of Rome City; one step-sister, Helen Holbrook of Wolcottville; three step-brothers, Andrew Ritchie of Hindman, Ky., Frank Ritchie of Clear Creek, Ky., and Rick Tackett of Garrett; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Ritchie.

The Garrett Clipper

Dec 9, 1996

Former resident, Alice Traxler, dies

Alice L. (Reeves) Traxler, 76, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Thursday at her home. She formerly lived in Garrett.

Services were held Saturday at Thompson Funeral Home in Montpelier. Burial was in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Hospice Care of Williams County or Pioneer Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Peter; a son, Richard J. Reeves of West Lafayette; two daughters, Kathie Kock of Auburn, and Laurie Muzzillo of Janesville, Wisc.; a stepson, Thomas Traxler of rural Pioneer; two brothers, Walter E. Bauer of Payson, Ariz., and Fred A. Bauer of Shiloh, Ohio; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard J. Reeves, in 1976, a daughter, Judy Beeber, in 1982, and an infant daughter.

The Garrett Clipper

Dec 9, 1996

Services held for Janet Bowman, 59

Janet M. Bowman, 59, of Garrett, died Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family requests preferred memorials to Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. Bowman was born April 23, 1937, in Garrett, to Scott and Hazel (Smith) Malcolm. Her mother survives in Garrett. She and Robert Bowman were married Oct. 8, 1955. He survives. She was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Surviving with her husband and mother are three sons, Terry and Kent Bowman, both of Garrett, and Jerry of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Scott Malcolm Jr. and Wayne Malcolm, both of Garrett; four sisters, Virginia Tremmel of California, Leah Brillant of Leo, Sharon Mavity of Garrett, and Nancy DeLauder of Auburn; and five grandchildren. One sister, Arlene Burtch, preceded her in death.

Dec 9, 1996

Services today for John L. Byer, 76

John L. Byer, 76, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday at 7:15 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Grabill Missionary Church with Rev. Bill Lepley officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the World Missionary Press.

Mr. Byer was born April 8, 1920, in Knoxville, Tenn. His parents were Charles and Anna (Hiestand) Byer. He and Isabel Foote were married on Aug. 26, 1949, in Garrett. She survives. He was a draftsman at Fruehauf in Fort Wayne for 17 years, retiring in 1982. He also was a draftsman for ITT, Fort Wayne, for three years. Mr. Byer was a member of the Grabill Missionary Church.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Janice Guillaume of Grand Rapids, Mich.; three granddaughters, Jamie, Jennifer and Jessica Guillaume, all of Grand Rapids; one sister, Martha Wissler of Litiz, Pa.; and his mother-in-law, Helen Foote of Leo. He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Byer.

Dec 16, 1996

Prominent attorney, Warren G. Sunday, dies

Warren G. Sunday, 76, of Auburn, died Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There is no services or calling. A private family memorial services will be held. McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to a charity or church of the donor's choice, or to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wilton, N.H. 03086.

Mr. Sunday was born Oct. 24, 1920, in Wabash. His parents were Fred and Myrtle Sunday. He and Eleanor Logan were married Aug. 12, 1943. She survives.

Mr. Sunday was a graduate of Wabash High School and Manchester College, and earned a law degree from Indiana University at Indianapolis.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, where he flew Corsairs from aircraft carriers in the Pacific. He also was an instructor in the Navy.

Mr. Sunday was a high school teacher and basketball coach at LaFontaine High School before joining the FBI as a special agent in the criminal division in the Philadelphia area.

Mr. Sunday retired in 1995 after practicing law in Auburn. He also served as DeKalb County prosecutor.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Rotary Club, Moose and Elks Lodges.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Warren G. Sunday II of Auburn; two daughters, Jill Sunday and Robin Mitchell, both of Anchorage, Alaska; two sons-in-law, David Sunday and David Mitchell; a brother, Robert Sunday of Minneapolis; two sisters, Arlene Bly of Indianapolis, and Betty Anderson of Paris, Ill.; and five grandchildren, Christine and Joshua Sunday of Auburn, and David Scott, Lindsay and Kirsten Mitchell of Anchorage.

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Services held for Lillian Peters, 64

Lillian M. Peters, 64, of Avilla died at her home on Sunday at 4:15 p.m.

Services were held Wednesday in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was in Avilla Lutheran Cemetery. Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Peters was born March 12, 1932, in Avilla. Her parents were Martin P. and Edna K. (Weimer) Juengel She and Homer W. Rasler were married on June 14, 1952. He preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 1979. She and Gene "Pete" Peters were married on Aug. 30, 1987. He survives.

Mrs. Peters graduated from Avilla High School in 1951. She owned Rasler Liquor Store in Kendallville for 13 years and was a partner in Rasler Tax Service in Kendallville. She also was a former employee at V & A Restaurant and retired as a quality control inspector from Rivnut Engineered Products Inc., Kendallville, in 1994. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church for more than 50 years and a member and past president of Avilla American Legion Auxiliary 240 and a member of the Kendallville Bowling Association.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, Thomas L. Rasler and Homer W. Rasler II, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Cosette M. Wentworth of Albion and Rita J. Clifton of Avilla; two stepsons, Chad Wappes and Bret Peters, both of Kendallville; one stepdaughter, Sherry Woodworth of Garrett; one brother, Phillip Juengel of Preble; one sister, Esther Grawcock of Avilla; and four grandchildren, Tabitha J. Rasler of Evansville, Tanya L. Rasler, Tia M. Rasler of Versailles and Braden H. Wentworth.

Dec 19, 1996

Private services for George Church

George Church 82, of Auburn, died Tuesday at 11 p.m. at his home.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Private family services will be held Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials are requested to the DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Mr. Church was born May 10, 1914, in Auburn. His parents were William and Rose Church. He and Wilma Blackwell were married April 8, 1939, in Auburn. She survives. He was a farmer and manager of Stonestreet Gravel in Ligonier. He retired in 1980.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Sandy Miskuff of Atlanta, Ga., and Sharon Cobbs of Pine Island, Fla.; three sisters, Florence Bassett and Ruth Wilmot, both of Auburn, and Alice Shaffer of Garrett; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Five brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

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Dec 19, 1996

Services held for Hariette Witherspoon

Harriette M. Witherspoon, 90 of Youngstown, Ohio, died Monday at Northside Hospital in Youngstown.

Services were held Wednesday at Higgins Funeral Home Board-man-Canfield Chapel in Canfield, Ohio. Graveside services will be today at 1 p.m. at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mrs. Witherspoon was born May 3, 1906, in Garrett. Her parents were Edwin and Pearl (Flake) Rowley. Her husband, David Witherspoon, died Feb. 8, 1969.

Survivors include three nephews, David Westfall of Tucson, Ariz., Richard Westfall of Tacoma, Wash., James Witherspoon of Garrett, and several great nieces and nephews.

Dec 19, 1996

Services held for Kim C. McKee, 41

Kim C. McKee, 41, of Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday at his home.

Services were held Wednesday at the Camden United Methodist Church in Camden, Mich. Services will also be held Saturday at the New Life Presbyterian Church in Fruitland Park, Fla. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Leesburg, Fla. Arrangements are by Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg, Fla.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Hospice of Sturgis, in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. McKee was born in Garrett. His parents are Glen and Sue "Eileen" McKee of Garrett. He was a manager of sales education for Aramis Inc., in Chicago.

Surviving with his parents are two sisters, Rhonda Magamoll of Leesburg, Fla., and Debra Lowis of Fruitland Park, Fla.; and his grandmother, Majel Moughler of Ossian.

Dec 23, 1996

Services today for Josephine DePaolo

Josephine DePaolo, 90, died Friday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mass will be at 4 p.m. today at St. Jude Catholic Church, 2101 Pemberton Drive, Fort Wayne. Calling will be 30 minutes before the services. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery. D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Sacred Heart Home or the church building fund.

Survivors include her husband, Frank, of Avilla; two sons, Tony DiFilippo and Donald T. DiFilippo, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Rachel L. Stuckey of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Jean Baumgartner and Violet Fox, both of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, John DePaolo of Garrett and Ralph DePaolo of Bloomington; two stepdaughters, Patricia Stoody of Fort Wayne and Mary Kimmel of Garrett; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Dec 23, 1996

Services held for Donald Dickison, 80

Donald H. Dickison, 80, of South of Garrett, died Thursday at 6 a.m. at Washoe Medical Center in Reno, Nev.

Services were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Garrett with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Childrens First Center in Auburn.

Mr. Dickison was born Sept. 7, 1916, in Williams County, Ohio. His parents were Henry J. and Vera B. (Hepker) Dickison. He and Catherine J. Case were married on July 7, 1934, in Pioneer, Ohio. She preceded him in death on Dec. 31, 1980. Mr. Dickison worked in production control for General Electric for 38 years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Farm Bureau and G. E Quarter Club.

Survivors include one son, Donald K. Dickison of Auburn; four daughters, Dr. Shirley A. Phillips of Freeland, Mich., Sharon K. Browne of Sacramento, Calif., Sandra S. Handrich of Reno, Nev., and Sunny D. Cook of Urbana, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and a brother, Robert D. Dickison of Garrett.

Dec. 23, 1996

Services today for Thomas Kizer

Thomas H. Kizer, 77, of 1301 South Lee Street, died Friday at 1:25 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the First Church of Christ.

Mr. Kizer was born Aug. 29, 1919, in Kendallville. His parents were Lake W. and Maude U. (Wilson) Kizer. He and Elaine J. Lewis were married Dec. 16, 1943, in Garrett. She survives. He operated a drill press at Warner Gear for 18 years, retiring in 1982. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a member of the Garrett American Legion and Kendallville VFW.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Lynn Alderman of Decatur; three sisters, Bettie Smith, Sue Henney and Myrtle "Scottie" Seidel, all of Kendallville; and two grandchildren.

Dec 23, 1996

Bulletin

Maurine Fitch died Sunday at 12:25 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home.

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Dec 26, 1996

Garrett teacher, librarian Maurine Fitch dies at 94

Maurine L. Fitch, 94, died Sunday at 12:25 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She was former librarian at the Garrett Public Library and also was a kindergarten teacher.

Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, at a later date.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Presbyterian Church or the Garrett Public Library.

Mrs. Fitch was born July 23, 1902, in Garrett. Her parents were Tracey and Nina (Miller) Little. She and Oscar F. Fitch were married Nov. 1, 1924, in Angola. He was Garrett's Chief of Police for many years. He preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 1951.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Kenneth D. Fitch, a veterinarian in Denver, Colo.; two granddaughters, Sue Ann Fitch of Denver, and Sandra Jean Colby of Arvada, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Alan Fitch, and one brother, Jack Little.

Mrs. Fitch graduated from Garrett High School in 1920; received her teacher's diploma in 1922 from Oxford College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, now affiliated with Miami University; and received her library science education certification in 1952 from Indiana University, Bloomington.

She retired on Oct. 1, 1974, after 23 years as librarian at the Garrett Public Library. Prior to that, Mrs. Fitch taught school at Muncie for two years and then was a substitute teach in the Garrett schools. She also taught the Tri Kappa Sorority kindergarten for several years in the 1940's. In the early 1940's, Mrs. Fitch was supervisor of the Garrett youth Canteen, which was located in the building now occupied by the Garrett Bowl. She was a collector at the Garrett City Utilities office in the late 1940's until she accepted the position at the library on Oct. 1, 1951.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, a charter member and past president of Pi Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, a member and past worthy matron of the order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Fitch's grandfather, H. E. Little, along with her uncle, A. J. Little, were the founders in 1885 of The Garrett Clipper, the oldest, continuously Garrett owned and operated business. Her father, Tracey Little, joined his father in the business in 1899 and operated the business until 1907 after his father died in 1905.

Dec 26, 1996

Services held for Chester Bednarczyk

Chester J. Bednarczyk, 81, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at his home.

Services were held Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

The family requested preferred memorials to Comprecare or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Mr. Bednarczyk was born in fort Wayne. He was a storekeeper at Magnavox Corp, retiring in 1977. His wife, Cathryn, preceded him in death.

Survivors are a son, Roland of Garrett; a daughter, Kathleen Schriver of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dec 26, 1996

Private services for stillborn baby, Reyd Alexander Kocher

Reyd Alexander Kocher was stillborn Sunday at 4:04 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Private graveside services were held at Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange, with Rev. Ralph O. Diehl officiating. Arrangements were by the Fruip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

His parents are Gary and Natalie (Brewer) Kocher of Stroh.

Surviving with the parents are the grandparents, Dale and Darleen Kocher of Stroh, and Paul (Tony) and Marie Brewer of Auburn; and the great-grandparents, Henry and Lottie Cracraft of Auburn, and Lucy Ballentine of Garrett.

Dec 26, 1996

Services today for Arthur Woodcock

Arthur Woodcock, 80, of Auburn, died Monday at his home.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling two hours before the services. Burial will be at a later date in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Mr. Woodcock was born in Garrett and was a retired brakeman for the B & O Railroad.

Survivors include his wife, Lois; two sons, Arthur of Myrtle Point, Ore., and Charles of Kendallville; a stepson, Don Johnson of Ottowa, Ill.; two daughters, Christine Cross of Holland, Mich., and Alice Rice of Kendallville; two brothers, Roger of Corunna, and Ralph of Santa Barbara, Calif.; four sisters, Margaret Truman of Glendora, Calif., Florence Berndt of Butler, Patricia Sutton of Fort Wayne and Edith Miller of Waterloo; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Dec 26, 1996

Former Garrett resident, Russell Nicholson, dies

Russell Nicholson, 88, of Winter-haven, Fla., died on Dec. 14.

He formerly lived in Garrett and graduated from Garrett High School with the class of 1927. He had regularly attended the Garrett Schools Alumni Reunions each summer.

Survivors include a daughter in Valrico, Fla.; a son in Winterhaven; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Goldie, and a brother, Howard.

Dec 30, 1996

Services today for Gladys Carper, 102

Gladys Elizabeth Carper, 102, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Thursday at a Norfolk hospital.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Smith and Williams Funeral Home, Kempsville Chapel, Virginia Beach, with Rev. Warren Wilson officiating. Entombment will be in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

The family requests preferred memorials to the Lake Taylor Hospital Patient Fund, 1309 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502, or to a charity of choice.

Mrs. Carper was born in Jackson Township. Her husband, Charles Carper, preceded her in death. She was a member of the Macabees and a life member of the Kenner Rebekah Lodge, both in Garrett. She was the president emeritus of the J and J Club and the Wednesday Night Social Club in Detroit, Mich. She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Mich.

Survivors include one daughter, Cleo C. Kent of Virginia Beach; one grandson, Rexford C. Kent and his wife, Mary, of Norfolk, Va.; one great-granddaughter, Diane Jones and her husband, Mark, of Virginia Beach; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Dec 30, 1996

Services held for Martha Rigney, 81

Martha T. Rigney, 81, of Anderson, died last Monday at her home.

Services were held Friday at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home in Anderson with Rev. Ned Clark officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the oncology unit of St. John's Health System.

Mrs. Rigney was born Aug. 5, 1915. Her parents were Charles and Nelle (Clayton) Toles. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Cecil R. Sayre, in 1958, and her second husband, Gene Rigney, in 1992. She retired in 1978 from Guide Lamp Division of General Motors.

She was a member of the Markleville East Christian Church and UAW Local 663.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ed (Raynell) Proksa of Auburn and Mrs. Jack (Marcia) Stinson of Anderson; three sisters, Helen Malone of Phoenix, Nancy Matthews of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Ann Watson of Muncie; two grandsons, Ross Sibery and wife, Kelly, of Warsaw, Rodrick Sibery and wife, Renee, of Garrett; one step-grandson, John Stinson; one step-great-grandson, Tyler Shaw, of Garrett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

January 2, 1997

Prominent citizen, James Herzer, dies

One of Garrett's most prominent citizens died Tuesday morning.

James C. Herzer, 75, of Garrett, died Tuesday morning at 9:25 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. DeKalb Lodge 214 F & AM services will be at 8 p.m. this evening. Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Garrett United Methodist Church with Rev. William Dunfee officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the Garrett Public Library.

Mr. Herzer was born Jan. 23, 1921, in Garrett. His parents were James C. and Bessie (Haver) Herzer, Sr. He and Barbara A. Bosse were married July 6, 1957, in Auburn. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, D. Matt Herzer of Phoenix, Ariz., William "Andy" Herzer of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and James "Tim" Herzer of Salt Lake City, Utah; two sisters, Katherine Kleeman and Mary Ruth Clark, both of Garrett; two grandchildren, Barrett and Haedyn Herzer of Murfreesboro; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Dillon Herzer, and two sisters, Waneta Hawver and Mazella Yarde.

Mr. Herzer graduated from Garrett High School with the class of 1937. He served in the US Army during World War II. He was a steward on the dining cars of the B & O Railroad from 1947-51 and then co-owned the Tee Pee Sandwich Shop in Auburn from 1951-58. Mr. Herzer worked at Food Marketing from 1958-61. He worked at the Northern Indiana Fuel & Light as a salesman from 1961-66. He was a self employed insurance agent for many years and operated the Garrett License Branch from 1972-84.

Mr. Herzer served as a DeKalb County Commissioner from 1976-84.

Jim, along with his wife, Barbara, realized a dream come true in 1984 when they were successful in putting together the first Garrett Schools Alumni Reunion. Jim talked and planned just how that first reunion of all students who ever attended a Garrett school would come together. He sought and received support from friends, classmates and other alumni.

Hundreds of alumni have enjoyed the fruits of Jim's labor of love to meet annually ever since the first big undertaking.

Jim was the originator of the annual Garrett Days Pancake Breakfast that has continued annually for over 30 years. It was his idea to bring the community together to celebrate another prosperous year for the Garrett merchants and to thank the community for supporting the local businesses.

Jim's hobby was cooking. He shared abundantly with his friends and neighbors. He, with the help and support of his wife, were known to prepare and take food to those in the community who were experiencing an emergency situation.

In 1987, Jim and his wife were rightfully honored as Garrett's Citizens of the Year for their involvement in the community, in the schools, in the county, in their church and in the many organizations where they gave of their time and talents.

Other memberships and organizations where Jim Herzer was deeply involved included the Garrett United Methodist Church, the Gideon Society, Masonic Lodge 214 F & AM, Garrett Masonic Lodge 537 F & AM, a past member of the Garrett Public Library Board, past member and past president of the Garrett Chamber of Commerce, all bodies of the York Rite, Scottish Rite where he received the MSA Award, Mizpah Shriners, Noble County Shrine Club, a former Garrett Rotarian and a former member of the Kawanis Club. In May of 1986 he was awarded the designation of Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

This kind and generous man, who was so active in the Garrett community for so many years, will truly be missed.

Jan 6, 1997

Calling Tuesday for Fanchon Mossberger

Fanchon D. Mossberger, 89, of 609 East King Street, died Saturday at 3 a.m. at her home.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the First Church of Christ

Mrs. Mossberger was born Oct. 17, 1907, in Garrett. Her parents were Frank and Alma (Davis) Nelson. She and Charles K. Mossberger were married Feb. 4, 1930, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Aug. 14, 1986. She was a homemaker and member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Eagles Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, Robert O. of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, and Frank N. of Jamestown, N. C.; one daughter, Gloria McPheeters of Garrett; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lucille Fuller and Lillian Hill.

Jan 6, 1997

Services held Dec. 27 for James Hoeffel, 70

James A. Hoeffel, 70, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Dec. 22, at his home.

Services were held Dec. 27 at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

The family requests preferred memorials to Parkview Hospice, the church building fund or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Mr. Hoeffel was born in Garrett. His parents were Al and Lucille (Hill) Hoeffel. He retired in 1993 after 45 years at Alro Steel Corp.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; a daughter, Cynthia Boneff of Fort Wayne; five sons, Michael of Myrtle Beach, S.C., William of Royal Oak, Mich., James R., with the U.S. Air Force in Korea and Joseph and Daniel, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dorothy Lash of Avilla; six grandchildren and a cousin, Harris Hoeffel of Garrett.

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Keyser Twp. Assessor, Madeline Zumbaugh, dies

Jan 6, 1997

Keyser Township Assessor Madelaine Zumbaugh, 77, died Sunday at 5:15 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the First Church of Christ in Garrett with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the services at the church on Tuesday. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church or the Joel Lilly Fund.

Mrs. Zumbaugh was born July 6, 1919, in Garrett. Her parents were Roy and Marie Creager. She and John A. Zumbaugh were married Aug. 28, 1937, in Winchester. He preceded her in death on May 8, 1978.

Mrs. Zumbaugh has been the Keyser Township Assessor continuously since 1958 and was serving in that position at the time of her death. In 1968 she received her realtor's license and was associated with Diederich Real Estate for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Michael W. Zumbaugh of Garrett, and John E. Zumbaugh of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, Doug Laub of Hamilton, and Michael and Erich Zumbaugh, both of Garrett; and three brothers, Earl Creager, Wayne Creager and Roy Creager Jr., all of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Jean Laub, and a brother, William Creager.

Mrs. Zumbaugh was named Garrett's Citizen of the Year in 1983 for her dedicated volunteer work in Garrett and throughout the county.

Madelaine served for more than 20 years with the Bloodmobile. She had served as the chairman of the biannual visit for many, many years. She also served on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross. She was a member of the DeKalb County Mental Health Association for many years and served several years as the board's secretary. She was an avid supporter and volunteer for the Northeastern Center.

In 1987, Madelaine was presented the V.I.P. award in the volunteer category for her support of the DeKalb County Mental Health Association program. She was supportive of the clients with transportation and baby-sitting.

Madelaine has always been an active member of the First Church of Christ, where she played the piano for the Sunday School Youth Group for many years and was former president of the Amicus Adult Sunday School class.

She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Garrett Homemaker's Home Demonstration Club. She has served as president of both organizations. In 1979 she was the recipient of the "Jane" Award from the DeKalb County Homemakers Extension.

Madelaine served on the Garrett Centennial Committee in 1975, organizing the entertainment for the week-long event.

She has been active since 1959 in the Democrat party and is a past president of the Democrat Ladies organization.

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Jan 6, 1997

Services held for Joe Hurni, 55

Joe A. Hurni, 55, of Auburn, died last Tuesday at his home.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to the Hurni Children Trust Fund, in care of the County Line Church of God.

Mr. Hurni was born Oct. 5, 1941, in Auburn, to Vera (Crabill) and Harry Dale Hurni. His mother survives. He and Kathleen Flannagan were married June 19, 1976, in Auburn. She survives. He was a district sales manager for Harrison Paint Corp. of Canton, Ohio, from 1982 until his death. Prior to that he operated Hurni Decorating in Auburn, which merged with Interiors Inc., in Auburn and Angola, from 1972 until 1982. He was a member of the County Line Church of God and the Auburn Lions Club.

Surviving with his mother and wife are two sons, Richard of Indianapolis and Dane of Auburn; five daughters, Melissa Jackson of Fort Wayne, and Lana Sutton, Valerie Hurni, Jilleen Hurni and Lindsay Hurni, all of Auburn; one brother, Gale Wayne of San Diego; and two grandchildren, Justin Pineiro and Rachel Sutton.

One sister, Judith Cope, preceded him in death.

Jan 6, 1997

Services held Sunday for Betty J. Baker, 70

Betty J. Baker, 70, of Butler, died Wednesday at 10:45 p.m. in The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Services were held Sunday at H. E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler, with Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

Mrs. Baker was born Jan. 26, 1926, in Auburn. Her parents were Mike and Martha (Mitchell) Stebing. She and Earl Baker were married June 28, 1942, in Ringold, Ga. He preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1996. She was retired from Universal Tool & Stamping Co., in Butler.

Survivors include one son, Ronald of Butler; one daughter, Jean Jensen of Butler; two brothers, James Stebing of Auburn and George Stebing of Garrett; three sisters, Mary Reed of Genoa, Ohio, Barbara Luke of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mina DeLauder of Garrett; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Harry, Roy, Clarence, Dorsey and John Stebing; three sisters, Patty Henderson, Mary Ellen Brown, and Emma Reader; and one great-grandchild.

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Jan 6, 1997

Services Tuesday for Rebecca Rhetts, 75

Rebecca B. Rhetts, 75, of 110 West Third Avenue, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and one hour before the services. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Public Library.

Mrs. Rhetts was born in Marion. Her parents were Frank L. and Mary R. (Rennecker) Butterworth. She and C. C. Rhetts, Jr., were married Feb. 14, 1948. He survives. She attended the Garrett Presbyterian Church and was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She formerly employed as a reporter for United Press International in Detroit, as wire editor and night editor at Des Moines, the Marion Chronicle for five years as a copy editor and page one makeup editor, and at The Garrett Clipper as society editor from 1971-73.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Chuck of Rome City; two daughters, Leslie Rhetts Lloyd of Clinton, Md., and Sue Miller of Garrett; a brother, Frank. L. Butterworth Jr. of Marion; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Jan 9, 1997

Services today for Dorcas Brown, 89

Dorcas Brown, 89, died Tuesday at Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at the South Wayne Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, with calling at the church one hour before the services. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to South Wayne Baptist Church or the Juvenile Probation Department of Allen Superior Court.

Mrs. Brown was born in Madison, Wisc., and was night supervisor of nurses at Lutheran Hospital for 36 years, retiring in 1973.

Survivors include two sisters-in-law, Georgianna Brown and Thelma Brown, both of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

Jan 9, 1997

Services held for James C. Herzer

Private funeral and graveside services were held Jan. 3 for James C. Herzer, 75, of Garrett, who died Tuesday, Dec. 31.

The services were held at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Dunfee, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Estelle Smith, Dave Miller, Larry Spade, Karl Herzer, Jeff Turner and Mark Thiele.

Honorary pallbearers were: Donald Shutt, Buford Smith, Richard O. Murley, Robert Parker, and Jim's nieces, nephews and cousins: Kent Herzer, Michael Painter, Steven Painter, Gary Kleeman, Anne Kleeman, Jeffrey Kleeman, David Clark, Daniel Clark, Jack Clark, Mary Kay Clark Davis, Mary Jo Redman Putt, Jean Redman Switzer, Mary Jane Wheeler Osmon, Mary Helen Herzer Haver, James VanFleit, William VanFleit, Catherine VanFleit McIntyre and Susan VanFleit Garrett.

Jan 9, 1997

Services today for Mary Michael, 101

Mary A. Michael, 101, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett. She had been a resident at Miller's since 1984.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, with calling from 9 to 11 a.m. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery. Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

The family requests preferred memorials to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Michael was born in Medaryville and formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include four daughters, Theresa Glaze of Roanoke, Ina Ruth Lochner of Kankakee, Ill., Sister Celian Michael of Chicago and Sister Emelita Michael of Cassville, Wisc.; three sons, Raymond of Phoenix, Paul of Virginia Beach, Va., and Kevin of Anchorage, Alaska; 40 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, in 1974, and two sons, Don Michael, in 1989, who had been a long-time Garrett resident and John, who also had lived in Garrett.

Jan 9, 1997

Services Saturday for Kathryn Borchard

Kathryn Louise Borchard, 53, of Papua New Guinea, died Saturday, Jan. 4, in Orange, Calif. She was a former Garrett resident.

Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, S.D.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Mission Opportunity Fund through the Mission Board of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Mrs. Borchard was born Jan. 11, 1943, in Garrett. Her parents were Earnest and Cora (Worman) Bauman. Her mother survives. She and Rev. Terrance H. Borchard were married June 4, 1967, in Pocatella, Idaho. The Borchards went to Papua New Guinea as missionaries where they were serving at the time of her death. She was a graduate of Garrett High School in the early 1960's.

Surviving with her husband and mother are three daughters, Mary Elizabeth Dahlia of Tustin, Calif., Tamara Susan of Japan, and Rachel, at home; one granddaughter, Arianna Dahlia, and one brother, James Bauman, Sr. of Garrett.

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Funeral services were held Wednesday, for Fanchon D. Mossberger. Mrs. Mossberger, 89, died Saturday, Jan. 4, at her home. Serving as pallbearers were Gary "Gary Mac" McPheeters, Chuck McPheeters, Craig Mossberger, Doug Mossberger, Eric Mossberger and Tim Griffin. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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Roger Creager, Tony Creager, Josh Creager, Aaron VanAllen, Greg VanAllen and Ron Smith served as pallbearers when services were held at the First Church of Christ on Tuesday for Madelaine Zumbaugh. Mrs. Zumbaugh, 77, died Sunday, Jan. 5, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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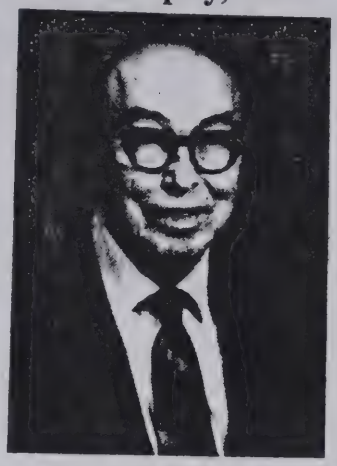
Services Friday for Tim Murphy, 85



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Services held for J. Russell Bennett

J. Russell Bennett, 70, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died Monday, Dec. 30, while visiting his sister in San Diego, Calif.

Services were held Jan. 3rd at St. Francis Xavier Church in Conklin, Mich.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Hospice or st. Francis Xavier Building Fund.

Surviving is his wife, Daghmar J. (Lehnertz) Bennett; his ten children and their spouses, Chuck and Sandy, Sally and Bob Gable, Larry and Judy, Greg and Mary Kay, Denny, Diane and Scott Blaisdell, Doug and Michelle, and Tom, all of Grand Rapids, John and Kristie of Garrett, and Dan and Starr of Romulus, Mich.; 22 grandchildren; his sisters, Arlene Jonkman of Grand Rapids and Jackie Bennett O.P. of San Diego; man brothers and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the fourth degree.

Tim Murphy

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Harold U. "Tim" Murphy, 85, of 200 East Third Avenue, died Tuesday at 4:13 a.m. at Rehab Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home from 2-8 p.m. today. Services will be held at the funeral home Friday at 10 a.m. with Dr. Donald Brown, pastor of the Zion United Church of Christ in Decatur, officiating, with the assistance of Pastor Bill Dunfee of the Garrett United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Wee Haven of Garrett or Zion United Church of Christ in Decatur.

Mr. Murphy was born Feb. 4, 1911, in Adams County. His parents were Lewis W. and Clady E. (Woods) Murphy. He and Virginia R. Miller were married Oct. 15, 1934, in Covington, Ky. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, E. Ronald Murphy of Garrett and Terry L. Murphy of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one brothers, Lewis W. Murphy of Atoka, Tenn., and two sisters, Mary Brewster of Fort Wayne, and Catherine Reidenbach of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Murphy owned and operated bowling alleys in Winchester and Garrett.

He managed Garrett Lanes from 1959 to 1971 and then purchased the business in 1971. Mr. Murphy changed the name to Garrett Bowl and then sold the business to his son, Ronald, in 1980.

Mr. Murphy was the manager of several bowling lanes, including Fort Wayne, Huntington, Greenville, Ill., and Bluffton.

He was a member of the Zion United Church of Christ, Moose and Elks of Decatur, Garrett Eagles and Adams County American Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

Jan 13, 1997

Calling Tuesday for Cleal R. Wesner, 79

Cleal R. Wesner, 79, of Carthage, N.C., died Saturday at Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, N.C. He formerly lived in Garrett.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Bill Dunfee officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family requests preferred memorials to the donor's choice.

Mr. Wesner was born Feb. 10, 1917, in Hamler, Ohio. His parents were William A. and Ada V. (Fackler) Wesner. He and Carmela L. Fabrizio were married Oct. 1, 1945, in Trenton, N.J. She preceded him in death on Aug. 3, 1988. He was a truck repairman and union steward at International Harvester in Fort Wayne from 1945-1964. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Garrett American Legion.

Survivors include one son, Robert Wesner of Carthage, N.C.; one daughter, Joyce Wesner of Fort Wayne; one sister, Velma Wesner of Defiance, Ohio; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jan 13, 1997

Services held for Fred Rhodes, 88

O. Fred Rhodes, 88, died Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Irene Byron Health Center, near Huntertown.

Services were held Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Rev. Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Masses to the church.

Mr. Rhodes was born March 28, 1908, in LaOtto. His parents were George and Lula (Hunt) Rhodes. His first wife, Mary Myer, preceded him in death in 1969. His second wife, Anna Liebert, preceded him in death in 1996. He was retired from Noble County Co-op in 1971 and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Survivors include one son, Lester Rhodes of Garrett; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one sister, Mary, of Huntertown.

He was preceded in death by one son, Roger, in 1968.

Jan 13, 1997

Services held for John W. Myers

John W. Myers, 81, of south of Garrett, died Thursday at 12:44 a.m. at his home.

Services were held Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Seidel officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Vincent DePaul in Garrett.

Mr. Myers was born Jan. 25, 1915, in Malinta, Ohio. His parents were Orlo and Myrtle Myers. He and Sylvia L. Wetosky were married Nov. 9, 1940, in Garrett. She survives. He was a mechanic for Korte Brothers in Fort Wayne for 15 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Kenneth Myers of Garrett; two daughters, Joanne S. Castle of Phoenix, Ariz., and Debra A. Myers of Indianapolis; one brother, Arthur Myers of Angola; two sisters, Annabelle Deuitch and Barbara Strock, both of Garrett; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Patty Lou Myers.

Jan 16, 1997

Services pending for Ardith Conway

Ardith B. (Harrigar) Conway, 76, of Venice, Fla., died Jan. 8, in Venice.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Warren, Mich. Farley Funeral Homes and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Conway was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., on April 12, 1920. She moved to the Venice area in 1973 from Warren, Mich. and was a member of the Epiphany Cathedral in Venice.

Survivors include two sons, S.M. Berg of Atlanta, Ga., and A.H. Berg of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one stepdaughter, Edlynn M. Rehn of Warren; and three grandchildren.

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Services held for Dorothy Snyder, 80

Dorothy Snyder, 80, of Angola, died Saturday at 9:21 a.m. at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Services were held Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Donald E. Rauhut officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

Mrs. Snyder was born April 21, 1916, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were Eldon and Millie (Schimelfenning) Hathaway. She and Homer Snyder were married in 1992. He survives.

She was a volunteer with the Cameron Hospital auxiliary, Parkview Hospital Auxiliary and the Allen County Cancer Society. She was a member of Lake George Lutheran Church.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, David Bellinger of Louisville, Ky., and Douglas Klopfenstein of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Larry Snyder of Hudson and Bill Snyder of Garrett; one daughter, Dianne German of Angola; two stepdaughters, Cindy Snyder of Hudson and Beverly Holmes of Auburn; two brothers, Lester Hathaway and Richard Hathaway, both of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a husband, Chalmers Battenburg; and a brother, Paul Hathaway.

Jan 20, 1997

Private services held for Robert Brown, 70

Robert W. Brown, 70, of Garrett, died at 1:05 a.m. Wednesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Private family services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with Rev. John Hostetter officiating.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Brown was born Jan. 10, 1922, in Mark Center, Ohio. His parents were Clarence and Mabel (Jump) Brown. He worked for the DeKalb County Highway Department, was on the railroad section gang, and worked at Yoder Ready Mix Co. of Auburn and Burtzner & Wilhelm Gravel Co. in Swan. He was a Korean conflict veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the Garrett VFW Post 1892.

Survivors include his wife, Alice (Porter) Brown; two stepsons, Jackie Porter of Butler and Alfred L. Porter Jr. of Garrett; one brother, Ralph Brown of Waterloo; one half-brother, William Clark of Churubusco; one sister, Mary Watkins of Flint; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren and one step-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ercal Tuto and Anna Mae Brown, and one brother, Wilbur Brown.

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Services today for Donald Clabaugh

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Jan 20, 1997

Services held for Donald Greenawalt

Donald H. Greenawalt, 74, of Fort Wayne, died at his home last Wednesday.

Services were held Saturday at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, with Pastor Bill Dunfee and the Garrett Masonic Lodge officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Greenawalt was born on June 15, 1922. His parents were Lloyd and Nellie (Reynolds) Greenawalt. He and Helen June Ross were married on July 4, 1952, in Garrett. She preceded him in death on Sept. 5, 1996. He was retired from K & G Machine in Fort Wayne where he was a tool and die maker. He was an Army World War II Army veteran, serving in the Cannon Company 405th Infrantry Regiment. He was a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge # 537.

Survivors include two sons, Marston Charles Greenawalt of Fort Wayne and Ross DeWayne Greenawalt of Muncie; one brother, Wilber Greenawalt of Greenwich, Ohio; and two sisters, Helen Wells of Ashland, Ohio, and Martha Reed of Garrett.

Jan 20, 1997

Donald A. Clabaugh, 77, of 417 West King Street, died Thursday at 7 p.m. at his home.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the First Church of Christ with Lloyd Mealer and Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Calling will be one hour before the services at the church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the First Church of Christ, Diabetes Association or to Masses.

Mr. Clabaugh was born Oct. 28, 1919, in Garrett. His parents were Arthur H. and Trella (Priser) Clabaugh. He married Margaret McLaughlin on Jan. 8, 1944, in Hicksville, Ohio. She preceded him in death on Jan. 18, 1979. He married Marcella VanLear Zerns on March 22, 1984, in Garrett. She survives.

He was a yard conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad for 40 years, retiring in 1982. He was the treasurer and local chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Local 724 in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and the U.T.U. He attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett. Mr. Clabaugh was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a Purple Heart recipient.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Connie Clabaugh and Darlene Clabaugh, both of Fort Wayne, and Mary Schoenle of New Haven; two sons, Larry Clabaugh of New Haven, and Denny Clabaugh of Hamilton; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Clabaugh, and one sister, Doris Walters.

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Jan 23, 1997

Services today for Lee Shafer, 90

Lee. D. Shafer, 90, died Monday at 3:30 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. He formerly lived at 501 South Ijams Street.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with Rev. Arthur Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Auburn Lions Club Little League Program.

Mr. Shafer was born Oct. 28, 1906, in Hicksville. His parents were Albert and Rena (Tustison) Shafer. His first wife, Helen Smalley Shafer, preceded him in death in 1947. His second wife, Gladys Smith Shafer, preceded him in death in 1974. He and Dorothy Davis were married on Dec. 3, 1976. She survives.

Mr. Shafer owned and operated Signs by Shafer Co., in Auburn and Garrett for 73 years until 1995. He retired in 1972 after 44 years on the B & O Railroad.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett, a charter member of the Bassmasters Club in Auburn, and a former member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Jack of Omaha, Neb.; one daughter, Sally Kelly of Hamilton; five grandchildren, Matthew and Samuel Shafer, Scott and Mike Smith, and Jennifer Trevino; and four great-grandchildren.

One son, Richard, and one brother, Loren, preceded him in death.

Jan 23, 1997

Services today for Louis J. Naltner

Louis J. Naltner, 66, died Sunday at 3:15 p.m. at Woodview Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 8669 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne, with Fr. George Kaminski officiating. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne. D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic.

Mr. Naltner was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Oct. 29, 1930. His parents were Louis and Nan Naltner. He and Rosalie (Sallie) Oehler were married July 30, 1960, at St. Vivian's in Cincinnati. She survives.

Mr. Naltner retired in 1993 after 15 years in sales at Mossberg Industries.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Scott of Fort Wayne, and a sister, Lois Witte of Fort Thomas, Ky.

Jan 23, 1997

Bulletin

Max Clark, 71, of Columbus, Ohio, and a native of Garrett, died Wednesday at 12:30 a.m. in Parlain, N. J., where he had been hospitalized. The funeral will be Friday in New Jersey. Mr. Clark was president of the Class of 1944 at Garrett High School.

Jan 27, 1997

Former resident, Margaret Loomis, dies in Florida

Margaret E. Loomis, 82, died Friday, Jan. 24, in Venice, Fla.

The National Cremation Society and McKee-Miles Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements. Internment will be at Clear Lake with family graveside services. There will be no calling or services.

Mrs. Loomis was born July 27, 1914, in East Chicago, Ill. Her parents were Jessie and William Hudson. Her childhood was spent at Mille Lacs Lake, Minn., latter moving to Albion, then Garrett. She was a 1931 graduate of Garrett High School. She was a retired federal employee, having last served with Naval Avionics in Indianapolis, retiring after a 30-year career. She moved to Venice in 1979 from Indianapolis.

Survivors include a son, William, of Venice; three grandchildren, William of Auburn, Robert of Fort Wayne, and Susan Ruggiero of Charleston, S.C.; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her former husband, Loren H. Loomis.

Jan 27, 1997

Calling Tuesday for Larry W. Getts, 57

Larry W. Getts, 57, of 170 Woodview Drive, died Saturday at 5:50 p.m. at his home.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Garrett United Methodist Church with Pastor Bill Dunfee and Pastor Ralph Deil officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and one hour before the services at the church. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Diabates Association.

Mr. Getts was born Jan. 1, 1940 in Garrett. His parents were Estelle L. and Edna M. (King) Getts. He and Judith K. Hamilton were married June 29, 1958, in Auburn. She survives. He worked in Quality Control at Dana in Fort Wayne for 24 years. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Mr. Getts graduated from Garrett High School in 1958. He was very active in all sports while in high school and then went to Tulane University in New Orleans, La., on an athletic scholarship.

Larry was inducted onto the Wall of Fame at Garrett High School in 1987 for his outstanding contributions to the GHS athletic program.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Larry Getts Jr., of Garrett, and Steven Getts of Corunna; one daughter, Susan Austin of Muncie; three brothers, Don Getts of Fort Wayne, and Maurice Getts and James Getts, both of Garrett; two sisters, Joyce Parker of Pleasant Lake and Faith Zumwalt of Tulsa, Okla.; and 10 grandchildren.

Jan 27, 1997

Services held for Max Clark, 71

Max Clark, 71, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, in Parlin, N.J.

Mr. Clark was born Nov. 21, 1925, in Garrett, to Cony and Maude (Conrad) Clark. He was a graduate of Garrett High School and graduated summa cum laude from Indiana University with a degree in business, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, and graduated from New York City University with a Master's degree.

Max joined the United States Navy and served his country in World War II and in the Korean conflict, the latter as a navigator on the Destroyer USS STRONG on its Around-The World mission, ending his duties in 1954 with the rank of Lieutenant.

An employee of American Electric Power for 36 years, first in New York City and then in Columbus, Ohio, Max retired in December, 1990. He was a member of the American Legion.

Since Max lived alone, he loved reunions. Family reunion, including siblings and their families, were arranged at anyone's suggestion that the family should get together, at different parts of the USA, every few years. He played a great part in engineering arrival and departing times and enjoying whatever was planned for the group to do.

School reunions were a "must" for him and he attended every one of the first 12 Alumni Reunions in Garrett. It was in 1994 that, struggling with the illness that finally took his life, he made the Alumni speech, telling "how it was" the year of his graduation when America was at war.

The friends Max had for over 50 years made the Alumni Reunion very special. Max also attended a reunion of shipmates from his days on the STORM.

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Surviving are sisters, Ester Vice of Lynnwood, Wash., Floride Sonnenberg and her husband, Tim, of Baytown, Tex., Doris Bogner and her husband, Paul, of Riverside, Calif., sister-in-law, Amber (Heitz) Clark of Fort Wayne; and dear friends, Jean Morrissey and her daughter, Jenny, of Parlin, N.J. Max was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne Clark and Donald Clark, and by two sisters, Mary Clark and Coleta (Clark) Vice.

Funeral services by Spezzi Funeral Home in Parlin, N.J., and burial was in Roschill Cemetery in Linden, N.J., on Friday, Jan. 24.

Preferred memorials are to the heart or diabetes funds or to the cause of choice.

(This obituary was submitted by Ester (Clark) Vice, 18024 54th Pl. W., Lynnwood, WA 98037-7302.

Jan 30, 1997

Services held for Ernest Stroh, 67

Ernest Stroh, 67, of Decatur, Ala., died Monday at 7:30 a.m. at his home.

Services were held Wednesday in Decatur.

Mr. Stroh was born Nov. 9, 1929, in Walkerton to Roy and Ethelinda (Teders) Stroh. He and Barbara Kissinger were married Oct. 23, 1954. She survives. He was retired from Monsanto Co., where he was a chemist. Mr. Stroh was a former Garrett resident and graduate from Garrett High School. He served in the U.S. Army.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Leesa and Jean Ellen, both of Decatur; and two sisters, Carol Vaughn of Tucker, Ga., and Berniece Cantrell of Salem, Va.

Feb 3, 1997

Calling today for Donna Jean Walter

Donna Jean Walter, 62, of Garrett, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and one hour before the services at the church. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church.

Mrs. Walter was born Nov. 24, 1934, in Garrett. Her parents were Carl and Elizabeth (Bartels) Diederick. She and Max Walter were married Sept. 19, 1953, in Garrett. He survives. She was employed as a cook at Miller's Merry Manor.

Surviving with her husband are five sons, Bruce of Huntertown, Keith of Kendallville, Kenneth of Nappanee, and Mark and Steve, both of Garrett; two daughters, Denise Womack of Auburn and Linda Shroads of Waterloo; three sisters, Clara Sobasky of Garrett, Lavon Hendrickson of Paynes-ville, Ohio, and Elaine Nihart of Bryan, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth, and one sister, Dorothy.

Feb 3, 1997

Prominent Garrett lady, Jayne O. Kobiela, dies

Jayne Kobiela, 67, of 610 South Peters Street, died Saturday at 11:32 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Seidel officiating. Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and one hour before the services at the church. The Rosary services will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Public Library, St. Joseph Church or the donor's choice.

Mrs. Kobiela was born Jan. 27, 1930, in Garrett. Her parents were F. W. and Helen (Springer) Owens. She and Edward J. Kobiela were married Jan. 13, 1951, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 1984.

Survivors include three sons, David and Grant, both of Garrett, and Joe of Auburn; one daughter, Lynn Ellen Kobiela of Garrett; five grandchildren and two sisters, Pat Noel of Fort Wayne and Peg Sockrider of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Owens, and two sisters, Kate Manon and Maxine Feagler.

Mrs. Kobiela retired in July, 1996, after working 12 years for the Indiana Department of Motor Vehicles at the Garrett branch.

She was the first woman Garrett City Councilperson, filling a vacancy in 1980 and serving on the Board of Works. She then served one full term from 1984-88. She was very active in the renovation of the Garrett swimming pool.

Mrs. Kobiela served on the Garrett Public Library Board for 16 years, from 1963 to 1979. She was presently a member of the Garrett Public Library Foundation and active in Friends of the Library.

She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and served as president in 1951. Mrs. Kobiela was also a member of the Garrett Centennial committee and served on the fund raising drive for the new Garrett Community Hospital. She also was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Mrs. Kobiela was very active in her church, where she served many years on the St. Joseph School Board and as a member of the school's HASA organization, where she served as its president for three terms.

She was a 1948 graduate of Garrett High School and was one of the speakers at last year's Garrett Schools Alumni Reunion, updating the alumni on the renovation project at the Garrett Public Library.

Feb 6, 1997

Calling Friday for Frederick Davis, 73

Frederick E. Davis, 73, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., died at Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home at 1 p.m. Saturday with Rev. Max Smith of the Huntertown United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

Mr. Davis was born Oct. 4, 1923, in Noblesville. His parents were James H. and Grace (Sabin) Davis. He worked for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 1975, at which time he moved to Florida. He was a former member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Anna; two daughters, Dulane Chapman of Fort Wayne, and Rita Litzenberg of Texas; one brother, Robert Davis of Kendallville; one sister, Lois Rigsby of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Feb 6, 1997

Services today for Ruby Leffel, 80

Ruby Jane Leffel, 80, of 212 South Harrison Street, died Monday at 4 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church with Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church.

Mrs. Leffel was born March 23, 1916, in Washington Court House, Ohio. Her parents were Milton and Lydia (Watson) Williams. She and Walter E. Leffel were married June 21,1947, in Columbus, Ohio. He survives. She was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mrs. Leffel was a winder of motors for GE in Fort Wayne for 16 years, retiring in 1964.

Surviving with her husband are one daughter, Blinda Leffel of Garrett; one brother, Howard Williams of Columbus, Ohio; and two sisters, Ruth Raymer of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Byerl Brooks of Barberton, Ohio.

Feb 10, 1997

Services held for Peggy Sockrider

Margaret O. "Peg" Sockrider, 77, of Auburn, died Thursday at 8:22 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Services were held Sunday at the Garrett Presbyterian Church with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church.

Mrs. Sockrider was born Dec. 6, 1919, in Garrett. Her parents were Jack and Helen (Springer) Owens. She and Albert Sockrider were married May 20, 1939, in Garrett. He survives. She had worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for the past several years. Mrs. Sockrider was a member of the Garrett United Presbyterian Church.

Surviving with her husband are one son, Robert Sockrider of Milwaukee; three daughters, Margaret Bloom of Grabill, Beth Smith and Amy Weiler, both of Auburn; a sister, Pat Noel of Fort Wayne; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Owens, and three sisters, Jayne Kobiela, Kate Manon and Maxine Feagler.

Feb 10, 1997

Services today for Marjorie Fetter, 73

Marjorie M. Fetter, 73, of 1314 South Lee Street, died Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Seidel officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Calling will be one hour before the services at the church. Rosary services were held Sunday afternoon at McKee-Miles Funeral Home.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph Catholic School Computer Fund or the DeKalb County Hospice.

Mrs. Fetter was born March 21, 1923, in Belding, Mich. Her parents were Joseph W. and Mildred M. (Crawford) Kutchey. She and Floyd Fetter were married Nov. 28, 1946, in Lansing, Mich. He survives.

She was a Realtor for Diederich Real Estate for 27 years, retiring in 1996. Previously she was News Director for WIFF Radio.

Mrs. Fetter was a member of the St. Joseph Rosary Society, Garrett Historical Society, past president of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary. She also was a member of the Garrett Chamber of Commerce and the N.E. Indiana Board of Realtors.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Ronald Fetter of Fort Wayne, William Fetter of Kendallville, and John Fetter of Goshen; three daughters, Connie Myers Brown of Fort Wayne, Anita Tullis of Corunna, and Tina Drzewiecki of Garrett; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Mark Myers, and two brothers, William Kutchey and Jack Kutchey.

Feb 24, 1997

Services held for Wayne Leland, 70

Wayne L. Leland, 70, of 616 North Randolph Street, died Thursday at 6:30 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Military graveside services were held at Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna, Saturday with the Garrett VFW, and Rev. Rodney Bizzard officiating. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mr. Leland was born Dec. 7, 1926, in Jamestown. Hewas a World War II veteran and was a past commander and lifetime member of the Garrett VFW Post 1892. Mr. Leland was a self employed carpenter most of his life. He most recently worked for Indiana Log Homes.

Mr. Leland and Ruth M. Anthony were married Dec. 7, 1981, in Garrett. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Wayne Leland Jr., of Newport Richey, Fla, Leroy Leland of Muskegon, Mich., and Robert Leland of Coldwater, Mich.; three daughters, Patty Leland of Garrett, Florance Padgett of St. Joe and June Collins of Ligioner; one stepdaughter, Joyce Fugate of Garrett; one step-son, Willis "Bill" Hecht of Westville; 18 grandchildren; one brother, Lewis Leland of Lakeland, Fla.; one sister, Louise Sherman of Pierceton; and several nieces and nephews.

Feb 24, 1997

Private services for Gene Brumbaugh

Francis "Gene" Brumbaugh, 62, died Friday at 2 p.m. at his home south of Garrett.

Private graveside services are today at Cedar Creek Cemetery. There is no calling.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb county Heart Fund or to the donor's choice. Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brumbaugh was born on Nov. 30, 1934, in Butler Township, DeKalb County, to Harry and Mary (Ober) Brumbaugh. He and Linda Hixson were married Aug. 29, 1959. He retired in 1992 from Navistar after 30 years. He served in the Army National Guard in Angola.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Scott, Douglas and Richard, all of Garrett; a sister, Dorothy Hall of Elkhart; and three granddaughters.

Feb 24, 1997

Services held for Travis Flesher, age 1

Travis Kenneth Flesher, 1-year-old son of Dr. Kyle J. and Nancy N. Flesher, of Tallahassee, Fla., died Friday of natural causes.

Services were held Sunday afternoon at Abbey Funeral Home in Tallahassee. Burial was in Tallahassee Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be directed to Big Ben Hospice, 1723 Mahon Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Little Travis had big blue eyes, long curly eyelashes, and soft blonde hair. Sparkling eyes and a big smile were his disposition. He loved to listen to music and to kiss by touching his forehead to your forehead.

Surviving with his parents are three brothers, Dillon, Logan and Jared; his grandparents, Jerry and Kathy Flesher of Auburn and Willie Andreu of Gainesville, Fla.; and a great-grandfather, Kenneth Flesher of North Carolina.

March 3, 1997

Services held for Lowell 'Bud' Leland

Lowell D. "Bud" Leland, 68, of Garrett, died at his home Thursday at 8:10 a.m.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Sedan Cemetery with Rev. Alan Gibson, associate pastor of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, officiating. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the family, in care of Dianna M. Richardson.

Mr. Leland was born March 3, 1928, in Fremont. His parents were Leo C. and Thelma J. (Hughes) Leland. His first wife, Francis, preceded him in death in 1978. He and Patsy Jean Boyle were married July 1, 1978. She survives. He was employed as a mechanic at Bill Yoder Ford for 13 years and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Ronald D. of Waterloo and Jesse L. of Garrett; two daughters, Dianna M. Richardson of Waterloo and Gloria A. Leland of Auburn; one stepson, Robert Leland of Coldwater, Mich.; three stepdaughters, Patty Leland of Garrett, Florance Padgett of St. Joe and June Collins of Ligonier; two brothers, Robert and Allan, both of Angola; six grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

March 6, 1997

Services today for Patricia Hofferman

Patricia L. Hofferman, 41, of 517 East Quincy Street, died Tuesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Services will be held this morning at 10 a.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family requests preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Ms. Hofferman was born April 18, 1955, in Garrett, to Billy C. and Dolores L. (Prickett) Hofferman. Her father survives. She was employed as a cook at J.O.'s Cantenna in Garrett for the past three months.

Surviving with her father are one daughter, Pamela Burns of Fort Wayne; a son, Thomas Hofferman of Garrett; one brother, Mike Hofferman of Auburn; and two sisters, Donna Hofferman of Auburn and Debra Jones of Ashley; and one grandson. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Tammy Hofferman.

March 10, 1997

Services held for Marvin Slone, 61

Marvin James Slone, 61, of Montpelier, Ohio, died at 8:27 a.m. Tuesday at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio.

Services were held last Friday at Thompson Funeral Home, Montpelier.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the family, Williams County Senior Center, American Heart Association or Williams County Cancer Society.

Mr. Slone was born April 2, 1935, in Knott County, Ky. His parents were Garland and Healene (Sloan) Slone. He was a retired welder with Challenge Cook in Bryan, Ohio.

Survivors include five daughters, Rhonda Sittoh of Garrett, Julie Slone Deetz and Crystal Robbins, both of Montpelier, Melissa Slone of Auburn and Shawna Lackey of Canton, Tenn.; three sons, Marvin of Pipe Creek, Tex., and Robert and Kevin, both of Witchita Falls, Tex.; two stepsons, Mitchell Baker of Arizona and Kenny Baker of Germany; seven brothers, Birchel Slone of Kendallville, Bethel Slone and Jim Slone, both of Auburn, Barney Slone of Garrett, Ted Slone of Butler, Hobard Johnson of Fruitland Park, Fla., and Willard Johnson of Wyoming, Mich.; five sisters, Bertha Daley of Garrett, Nola Moore and Delsie Ann Ramey, both of Garrett, Ky., Nancy Vanderpool of Auburn, and Annamae Moore of Shelbyville, Ohio; a stepmother, Luhettie Slone of Auburn; his fiancee, Betty Smith, and her two children, Adam and Amy Smith; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three stepchildren, Pamela, Terry and Lonnie, one brother and one sister.

March 13, 1997

Mrs. LeRoy Stucky dies in Florida

Mrs. LeRoy Stucky, a native of Garrett and former resident, died Friday, Feb. 28, at Largo Medical Center in Largo, Fla. Mrs. Stucky, whose maiden name was Eleanor Brown, had been living at Oaks retirement home in Clearwater, Fla.

She was born on Feb. 24, 1911, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Brown who lived at 601 East Houston Street. Mr. Brown was for many years president of the Garrett State Bank.

A graduate of Garrett High School in 1928, Mrs. Stucky then attended Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio. After graduating in 1932 she was a teacher in the Garrett schools until her marriage to Mr. Stucky in 1935.

The Stuckys lived in Woodburn until 1957 when they moved to Clearwater. Mr. Stucky died there a number of years ago.

Survivors include a son-in-law and daughter, Charles and Louise Robinson of Belleair, Fla., and two grandchildren, Nicole Campbell of Denver, Colo., and Charles Robinson, Jr., of Clearwater.

Graveside services were Wednesday, March 5, and burial was in Sylvan Abbey Cemetery in Clearwater.

Memorials may be of the donor's choice.

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March 13, 1997

Services today for Clara Brandom

Clara A. Brandom, 95, died last Sunday at The Cedars in Leo.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Harlan, with calling one hour before the services. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County. Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mrs. Brandom was born Dec. 13, 1901, in Allen County. Her parents were Fredrich and Mary Pfierman. Her husband, Zenno Brandom, died in 1962.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Harris of New Haven and Doris Allen of Harlan; one brother, Floyd Pfierman of Garrett; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ernest and Clarence Pfierman.

March 17, 1997

Services held for "Basil" Hoffman

Thomas D. "Basil" Hoffman, 48, of 3428 SR 327, Corunna, died Wednesday at 11:10 p.m. at his home.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco, with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Feller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Dustin Hoffman Education Fund c/o Community State Bank, Avilla.

Mr. Hoffman was born Dec. 22, 1948, in Garrett, to Lenora (Killworth) and Basil Hoffman. His mother survives and his father preceded him in death in 1986. He was employed on the CSX Railroad for the past 18 years. Mr. Hoffman was a U.S. Army veteran of the Viet Nam Conflict.

Surviving with his mother are one son, Dustin Hoffman of Garrett; and two sisters, Sharon George of Garrett, and Colleen Alwood of Auburn.

March 17, 1997

Calling Tuesday for Juanita Maurer, 82

Juanita R. Maurer, 82, of Garrett, died Sunday at 2:47 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Friends may call Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Maurer was born May 31, 1914, in DeKalb County. She and Willaim F. Maurer were married Dec. 25, 1937, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on April 4, 1975. Mrs. Maurer was a member of the Garrett First Church of Christ and VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include three sons, James Maurer of Garrett, John Maurer of Angola, and David Maurer of Ridgewood, Pa.; two daughters, Mary Ann Burkmire of Norman, Okla., and Margaret Burwell of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ed Maurer; one daughter, Nancy Maurer; and two brothers, Foster Hills and Ed Conkle.

March 24, 1997

Services held for Marjorie Satmary

Marjorie Ann Satmary, 58, died Tuesday at 10 a.m. at her home in Romulus, Mich.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Rodney Buzzard officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Embry Cemetery, south of Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Mrs. Satmary was born May 19, 1938, in Garrett. Her parents were Elmer and Luella (Coats) Ross. She was a homemaker and member of the Catholic Church in Romulus.

Survivors include her husband, Louis Michael Satmary; one brother, Edwin Ross of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ellen Salmons of Auburn and Helen Wood of Waterloo; and several nieces and nephews.

March 24, 1997

Services Saturday for Jason Caleb Lyon

Jason Caleb Lyon, 5, of Texarkana, Texas, died Friday at his home.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Broadway Christian Church, 910 Broadway, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D. O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Aveune, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Cook Children's Medical Center, Bone Morrow Unit, Office of Development, 801 Seventh Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 6104-2796.

Jason was born in Abilene, Tex. He is survived by his parents, Alan and Diane Lyon; a brother, Joshua "Brother" at home; his grandparents, Maurice and Teresa Sanfacon of Rochester, N.H., and Russel and Ann Lyon of Huntertown; and his great-grandfather, Jacob Kell of Huntertown.

March 24, 1997

Services today for Elma Pockl, 88

Elma M. Pockl, 88, of 1213 South Cowen Street, died Friday at 12:10 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Dunfee officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Spectra Care or the donor's choice.

Mrs. Pockle was born Feb. 7, 1909, in Willard, Ohio. Her parents were Charles W. and Nellie (Rothschild) Fink. She and John A. Pockl in 1933, in Willard. He preceded her in death in 1969. She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and past president of the Emblem Club and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Dwayne Harris of Garrett; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell and Karl Fink, two sisters, Dorothy Segrist and Eleanor Henry, and two grandchildren.

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March 27, 1997

Services held for Robert Helbert

Robert F. Helbert, 79, of 5504 CR 79-A, died at 5:55 a.m. Saturday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Tuesday at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, with Rev. Dale Rabineau officiating. Masonic services were conducted by the Concord Masonic Lodge on Monday evening at the funeral home. Burial was in Alton Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Mr. Helbert was born June 16, 1917, in DeKalb County. His parents were Perle and Pearl (Moss) Helbert. He attended school in Huntertown. Mr. Helbert and Virginia Rose Ayers were married July 22, 1944, in Crestline, Ohio. She survives. He was employed at the International Harvester in Fort Wayne, where he retired in June 1979 after 36 years of service. He was a member of the Concord Masonic Lodge #556 at Spencerville, Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne and the American Bowling Congress.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Cheryl Staley of Waterloo and Nancy Lapp of Butler; three sons, Dennis Helbert and Danny Helbert, both of Butler, and Donel Helbert of Auburn; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Glen Helbert of Garrett and Ronald Guy Helbert of Fresno, Calif.; and one sister, Kathryn Taylor of New Haven. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Baron and Burt.

March 27, 1997

Military services held for Don Clabaugh

Military memorial services were conducted for Donald A Clabaugh on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m.. Services were conducted in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayen, by the Garrett American Legion Post #178 and Veterans of Foreign Wars #1892.

Don died Jan. 16. He served in World War II in the 69th Tank Battalion with military operations in France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany, receiving the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart.

In September 1996, Mr and Mrs. Clabaugh attended the first reunion of the 69th Tank Battalion in Warren, Ohio. This was the first reunion the men had since returning to the states in over 50 years.

March 27, 1997

Services held for Louise Smock, 66

Louise Maki Smock, 66, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, March 22, at 12:28 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with burial in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

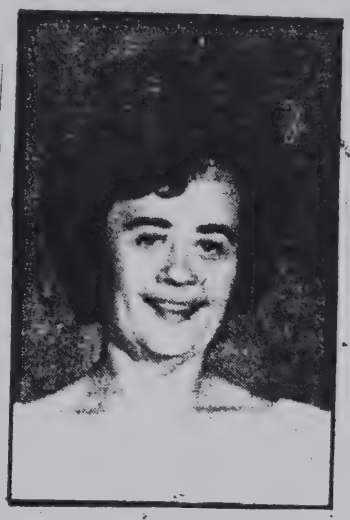
The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Women's Cancer Center Research, c/o Indiana Cancer Pavilion, Dr. Greg Sutton, 535 Barnhill Dr., #434, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Mrs. Smock was born Nov. 4, 1930, in Owen, Wisc. Her parents were John V. and Louisa R. (Lahti) Maki. She was formerly a realtor with Coldwell Baker Banks Mallough.

Survivors include two daughters, Vicki Bandor Braun and Pamela M. Smock, both of Fort Wayne; one son, L. Stephen Smock, Jr., of Auburn; one sister, Sylvia Kangas of Waukegan, Ill.; three brothers, Toivo Maki of Lake Villa, Ill., Arnold Maki of Mountain Home, Ariz., and William Maki of Lantana, Fla.; three grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

March 31, 1997

Services today for Nora Ritchhart, 61



Nora M. Ritchhart, 61, of 105 South Franklin Street, died Friday at 5:50 p.m. at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held this evening at 8 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Ritchhart was born March 16, 1936, in Bluffton. Her parents were George Anthony Wayne and Marie B. (Barton) Justice. She and Larry Ritchhart were married Oct. 13, 1995, in Auburn. He survives. Mrs. Ritchhart was employed at Cooper Industrial Products, Auburn, for 25 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett Eagles and a life member of the VFW in Garrett.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Melody Weil of Corunna, and Dawn Sickmiller of Auburn; three sons, Ronald Heimert of LaOtto, Phillip Bishop of Jonesville, Mich., and Guy Bishop of Garrett; five grandchildren; one brother, John Smith of Bluffton; and two sisters, Erlene Niblick of Bluffton and Helen of Denver, Colo.

March 31, 1997

Services held for Margaret Heit, 85

Margaret L. Heit, 85, of Fort Wayne, died last Wednesday at Covington Manor Nursing Center.

Services were held Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Masses.

Mrs. Heit was a Fort Wayne native and retired in 1989 after 26 years as office manager for Pens-Co. Her husband, Leonard A., died in 1967.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Heit of Fort Wayne; two sons, Donald of Roanoke and James of Garrett; a sister, Alberta Fox of Huntington; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

March 31, 1997

Services held for Jimmy Compton

Jimmy Luther Compton, 51, of 411 East Quincy Street, died at his home Thursday at 9 p.m.

Services were held Saturday at Bethel Christian Baptist Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Compton was born Jan. 12, 1946, in Floyd County, Ky., to Leonard and Linda (Mullins) Compton. His mother survives in Albion, Mich. He and Cynthia Ann Spears were married Oct. 31, 1970, in Clintwood, Va. She survives. He worked for the Road Department, Floyd County, Ky.

Surviving with his wife and mother are three daughters, Cher Collins of Sturgis, Mich., and Tammy Hoover and Emogene Gayheart, both of Garrett; one son, Jimmy Compton of Albion, Mich.; seven brothers, Ronnie, Tracy, Thomas and Willie Compton, all of Albion, Mich., Russell and Bill Compton, both of Garrett, and James Compton of Springport, Mich.; six sisters, Maxine Perry, Vickie Renfrow and Alberta Delauder, all of Garrett, Madgie Bryant of Albion, Mich., Joann Oats of Homer, Mich., and Rosalee Stanely of Wheelwright, Ky.; and eight grandchildren.

May 27, 1997

Calling today for Amos Aschleman

Amos E. Aschleman, 79, of Garrett, died Saturday at his home.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, near Waterloo. Calling will also be one hour before the services at the church. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, south of Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Mr. Aschleman retired in 1982 from the former Stanadyne Corp. in Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, LaVonne; three sons, Jerry of Butler, James of Indianapolis, and Steven of Matawan, Mich.; three brothers, William and Raymond, both of Auburn, and Elmer of North Manchester; two sisters, Adeline Stuckey and Mildred Palmer, both of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

May 27, 1997

Services today for Dr. Gary Sheeler, 47

Dr. Gary L. Sheeler, 47, of Auburn, died at his home on Friday.

A memorial services will be held today at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Missionary Church with Rev. Bill Lyne officiating. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Sheeler was born in Fort Wayne on July 1, 1949. His parents are Phil and Bea (Kraemer) Sheeler of Columbia City. He and Cheryl Hunt were married in Richmond on Aug. 19, 1972. She survives.

Dr. Sheeler was a practicing physician in Auburn. He was a member of the American Academy of Family Practice, Indiana State Medical Association, DeKalb County Medical Association and Christian Medical and Dental Association. He previously served as chief of the medical staff of DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Dr. Sheeler was a member of the Auburn Missionary Church, where he served as an elder.

Surviving with his wife and parents are three sons, Tad, Ben and Jon, all at home; one daughter, Jennifer, at home; a brother, Ray Sheeler of Dallas; and two sisters, Sue Smith of Bluffton and Carla Emig of Louisville, Ky.

May 27, 1997

Services today for Bonnie J. Jamison, 69

Bonnie J. Jamison, 69, of Garrett, died Friday at 6:05 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Greg Campbell officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred to the DeKalb County Heart Association or the Lions.

Mrs. Jamison was born Aug. 9, 1927, in Auburn. Her parents were Charlie and Marie (Dellenbach) Roush. She married Merritt B. Ricketts on Feb. 18, 1961, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 1977. She then married Floyd Jamison on Jan. 26, 1980, in Garrett. He passed away on May 23, 1994. Mrs. Jamison retired in 1988 from Electric Motors after 10 years of service. She was a member of the Albion Eagles and Garrett Elks.

Survivors include one daughter, Diana Campbell; a son-in-law, Greg Campbell, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.; three grandchildren, Nanci, Heather and Greg Campbell, all of St. Petersburg; and two sisters, Betty Smurr and Sharon Rowe, both of Garrett. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Roush.

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March 27, 1997

Services held for Don C. Leeson, 90

Don C. Leeson, 90, of 0640 CR 54, Garrett, died Monday at 7:55 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Embrey Cemetery with Dr. William N. Hodge officiating. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Leeson was born Nov. 24, 1906, in Garrett. His parents were James and Anna (Houser) Leeson. He and Ethel Graves Fry were married Feb. 24, 1967, in Garrett. She survives. Mr. Leeson was an engineer for the B & O Railroad for 50 years, retiring in 1975. He was the engineer on the last run of the Capitol Limited passenger train. He was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene and Garrett Eagles.

Surviving with his wife are two stepsons, James and Donald Fry, both of Churubusco; a sister, Margaret Dolan of Garrett; a granddaughter, Amy Leeson of Fort Wayne; six step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Roger and Tom Leeson.

March 27, 1997

Calling Friday for Jason Caleb Lyon

Jason Caleb Lyon, 5, of Texarkana, Texas, died Friday at him home.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Broadway Christian Church, 910 Broadway, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Calling will also be one hour before the services at the church. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery, Huntertown.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Cook Children's Medical Center, Bone Marrow Unit, Office of Development, 801 Seventh Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76104-2796.

Jason was born in Abilene, Tex. He is survived by his parents, Alan and Diane Lyon; a brother, Joshua "Brother", at home; his grandparents, Maurice and Teresa Sanfacon of Rochester, N. H., and Russell and Ann Lyon of Huntertown; and his great-grandfather, Jacob Kell of Huntertown.

March 27, 1997

Services today for Marie McPheeters

Marie E. (Brubaker) McPheeters, 81, of San Diego, Calif., died Saturday.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at Lewis Colonial/Benbough Mortuary in San Diego.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Lung Association.

Mrs. McPheeters was born in Napoleon, Ohio. She was a member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and a past president and vice-president of the American Business Women's Association.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Jesse; and a son, John Michael of Santa Cruz, Calif.

March 27, 1997

Services today for Lewis Cornelius

Lewis Edwin Cornelius, 76, of Wilson Lake; died Friday, March 21 at Valley Lutheran Hospital, Apache Junction, Ariz.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Rev. James B. Jordan, pastor of Troy Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery with Military Services by American Legion Post #98.

Mr. Cornelius was born Jan 30, 1921, in Richland Township, Whitley County. His parents were Ira and Frances (Mowery) Cornelius. He graduated from Larwill High School. On Jan. 30, 1942, he and Helen Clover were married. She survives. In 1946 they made their home in Fort Wayne, returning to the family farm at Wilson Lake in 1974. For better than the past 10 years they have spent their winters in Apache Junction, Ariz., and summers in Wilson Lake. During World War II he served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was employed at Pennsylvania Railroad as an engineer for 40 years. Mr. Cornelius was a member of the Troy Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post #98, ~~and~~ a former member of the Elks.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Terry L. Cornelius of Auburn; two daughters, Diane S. Cornelius of Silver City, N. M., and Kittie C. Kubacki of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Lucile Frank of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Louise White and Margaret Weddle, and two brothers, Cletus Cornelius and Thomas Cornelius.

March 31, 1997

Services Wednesday for Thomas Blackwell

Thomas L. Blackwell, 73, of Claypool, died Tuesday at 11:31 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church at 2100 South Harrison Street, Fort Wayne, with a prayer service at 9:30 a.m. at McComb & Sons Lakeside Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 4-9 p.m. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Heart Association.

Mr. Blackwell was born April 25, 1923, in Fort Wayne. His parents were Thomas Sr. and Becky (Banks) Blackwell. He retired in 1990 from Zollner Corp. after 38 years service and worked for United Technologies Automotive, Bourbon. He was a WW II Army Air Corps veteran and a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Fort Wayne Valley Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife, E. Jean Blackwell; two stepsons, Gregory Pettit of Laketon and Jeffrey A. Pettit of Garrett; a stepdaughter, Janice Bressley of Claypool; a brother, Dale Blackwell of Des Plaines, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

April 3, 1997

Services held for Brady Bolen, 69

Brady Bolen, 69, of Waterloo, died Sunday, March 23.

Services were held Wednesday, March 25, at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel in Hindman, Ky., with Sterlin Bolen officiating. Burial was in Will Terry Cemetery, Hueysville, Ky.

Mr. Bolen was born Oct. 1, 1927, in Hueysville, to Troy and Elsie (Hicks) Bolen. His mother survives. He was a retired coal miner and had lived in Waterloo for the past seven years. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a Baptist Church in Garrett, Ky.

Surviving with his mother are his wife, Madgie (Terry) Bolen of Waterloo; two sons, Marlin Bolen of Leo and Lacy Bolen of Auburn; three daughters, Doris Ann Bailey of Waterloo, Dorlis Landers of Florida, and Ruby Mullins of Ohio; two brothers, Bennie Bolen of Auburn and Jackie Bolen of Garrett; five sisters, Tribley Collins of Paintsville, Ky., Lilly Shepherd, Devottis Crager and Shirley Clay, all of Hueysville, and Lois Barnett of Florida; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Eddie and Larry, preceded him in death.

April 1, 1997

Services today for William Berning, 67

William C. Berning, 67, of Albion, died Friday at 2 a.m. at his home.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, with Rev. Dr. Lane Burgland officiating. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 178.

The family requests preferred memorials to the American Diabetes Association or Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco.

Mr. Berning was born Nov. 29, 1929, in Fort Wayne. His parents were William C. and Mildred L. (Shoemaker) Berning. He and his wife Gloria were married Aug. 2, 1952. He retired in 1987 from General Electric after 35 years of service. He was a member of the Wolf Lake VFW, the Garrett American Legion Post 178, the General Electric Quarter Century Club. He was a graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Steven C. of Garrett, and Gale W. of Kendallville; three daughters, Linda J. Moore and Marian L. Curdes, both of Fort Wayne, and Cathy S. Juricak of Columbia City; a sister and 14 grandchildren.

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April 10, 1997

Services held for June Rowe, 71

June A. Rowe, 71, of Angola, died Sunday at 8 p.m. at her home.

Services were held Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mrs. Rowe was born Nov. 18, 1925, in Noble County. Her parents were Homer and Henretta (Christlieb) Snyder. She and albert E. Rowe were married Aug. 28, 1970, in Auburn. He survives. She was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are a son, Robert E. Boyle of Coldwater, Mich.; three daughters, Patsy J. LeLand of Garrett, Sharon K. Dean of Green Bay, Wisc., and RoseMary Boyle of Angola; two stepsons, Gene Rowe of Angola, and John A. Rowe of Albion; two stepdaughters, Mary Ann Warner of Waterloo, and Ethel Jennings of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Homer Snyder of Angola; two sisters, Louella Boyle of Albion, and Ellen Rowe of Auburn; eight grandchildren, 15 step-grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Ralph and Johnny Snyder, preceded her in death.

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April 14, 1997

Calling Tuesday for Charles Hathaway

April 14

Charles Lloyd Hathaway, 72, of Garrett, died Sunday at 4:10 a.m. at his home.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Mr. Hathaway was born Jan. 11, 1925, in Fairfield Township. His parents were Page and Ella (Feller) Hathaway. He and Beverly Aldrich were married Sept. 30, 1949, in Angola. She preceded him in death on April 24, 1993. He was a WW II Navy veteran. He retired in 1990 after 28 years at Cooper Industrial Products in Auburn.

Survivors include two sons, Charles J. of Auburn, and Steven H. of Garrett; two daughters, Rhonda Haynes of Garrett, and Roxanne Desouzaguedes of Auburn; one sister, Maxine Berhalter of Kendallville; six grandchildren and one step-granddaughter. Three brothers and five sisters preceded him in death.

April 14, 1997

Services held for Lillian E. Wessel, 88

Lillian E. Wessel, 88, of San Antonio, Tex., died Wednesday, April 9. She is formerly of Garrett.

Services were held last Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in San Antonio. Burial was in Mission South Cemetery.

Mrs. Wessel's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bruns. Her husband, LeRoy, died in 1985.

Survivors include seven children, LeRoy Jr. of San Antonio, Lawrence of San Antonio, Lester of Austin, Tex., Lorene of near San Antonio, Lois of Austin, Lucille of San Antonio, and Lorna of Portland, Tex.; one brother, Lawrence Bruns of Crete, Ill..; a sister-in-law, Alitha Deibele of Garrett; 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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April 17, 1997

Services conducted for James Panyard

James A. Panyard Sr., 63, of Angola, died Monday at 5:40 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Rev. Kenneth Alt officiating. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Parkview Samaritan.

Mr. Panyard was born Dec. 5, 1933, in Fort Wayne, to Jerome and Elma (France) Panyard. His mother survives in Fremont. He retired in 1984 after 12 years with the Fort Wayne Fire Department. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Angola.

Surviving with his mother are his wife, Jo; one son, James A. Panyard of Clear Lake; one daughter, Betty Ritchie of Fremont; three brothers, Jerry, Bob and Don, all of Fremont; one sister, Dorothy Angel of Garrett; and six grandchildren.

April 17, 1997

Services held for Minnie Frederickson

Minnie E. Frederickson, 87, of Auburn, died Sunday at 4:10 p.m. at her home.

Services were held Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. George A. Cecil officiating. Burial was in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Cornerstone Church building fund.

Mrs. Frederickson was born May 3, 1909, in Benzonia, Mich. Her parents were Robert B. nd Goldie L. (Wert) Lung. She and Charles J. Frederickson were married on May 7, 1950, in Coldwater, Mich. He died Nov. 1, 1993. Mrs. Frederickson was an assembler for General Electric Co., in Fort Wayne for 30 years. She retired in 1974 and was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary J. Cecil of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Ford Lung of Garrett and Lawrence "Pete" Lung of Bonita Springs, Fla.; three sisters, Bessie Clark of Eagle, Idaho, Elizabeth Griffin of Garrett and Velma Stahl of Auburn; one granddaughter, Rebecca Hartleroad of Ligonier; four step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one step-great-grandchild.

April 21, 1997

Bulletin

Donald Geeting, 69, of Angola, died Saturday evening at his home. He is the father of Phil Geeting of Garrett. Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn.

April 21, 1997

Bulletin

Phyllis Ann Best, 73, died Sunday at her home. Arrangements are pending at McKee-Miles Funeral Home.

April 21, 1997

Services conducted for Paul Yarian, 39

Paul A. Yarian, 39, of Auburn, died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial was in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorial gifts are to the family.

Mr. Yarian was born Nov. 19, 1957, in Garrett, to Donald and Alice (Hayes) Yarian. His mother preceded him in death and his father survives in Garrett. He and Susan K. Groscop of Auburn were married Oct. 5, 1974. She survives.

He was a Garrett High School graduate with the class of 1976 and one of the greatest football players to have ever played for GHS. He was on the team that won the 1974 state football championship.

Mr. Yarian was employed at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with his wife and father are two sons, David of Auburn, and Ryan at home; one daughter, Cassie at home; six brothers, Bill, Harry, Rick, Steve and Larry, all of Garrett, and David of Jacksonville, Fla; two sisters, Edna Freeze of Garrett and Marie Kugler of Ashley; 13 nephews and 12 nieces.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and John, and one nephew.

April 24, 1997

Services to be today for Harry Shipe, 96

Harry B. Shipe, 96, of Waterloo, died Monday at 4:07 a.m. at St. Anne Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 11:30 a.m. in the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley, with Rev. Don Jordan officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Mr. Shipe was born Dec. 22, 1900, in Colby, Kan. His parents were David F. and Elizabeth (Bolen) Shipe. He and Velma Grogg were married July 28, 1925, in Auburn. She preceded him in death on June 30, 1986. He retired in 1968 after 15 years at Warner Gear in Auburn. He also was retired from farming in Fairfield Township.

Mr. Shipe was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley.

Survivors include four sons, Cleo of Auburn, Merritt of Southport, Donald of Fort Wayne, and Billy of Garrett; six daughters, Crystal Mahoney and Barbara Horstman, both of Muncie, Jenovie Bailey of Deland, Fla., Berdenia Utrup of Delphos, Ohio, Echo Kessler of Auburn, and Gloria Amstutz of New Haven; 32 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 77 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Clytie Conner; two sons, Merle and Jack; two brothers, Jay and Charles; one sister, Mary Mains; one grandson, Gregory Utrup; and one great-granddaughter, Lauren Michelle Marion.

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April 24, 1997

Services held for Donald Geeting

Donald E. Geeting, 69, of Angola, died Sunday at 6:45 p.m. at his home.

Services were held Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial was in the Waterloo Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Heart Association.

Mr. Geeting was born April 25, 1927, in Waterloo. His parents were Edison "Eck" and Flossie (Crosley) Geeting. He and Mildred E. Roose were married Dec. 29, 1969, in Waterloo. She survives. He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member and past governor of the Angola Moose Lodge and was a member of the Angola American Legion and Montpelier, Ohio, Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Geeting retired in 1989 after working for 45 years as a metal fabricator at Auburn Foundry. He also owned Geeting Heating & Welding in Waterloo.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Phillip E. of Garrett and Dennis E. of Auburn; one stepson, Frank L. Vacek of Angola; two stepdaughters, Sherri A. Vacek of Lynn, Mass., and Laura M. Surfus of Waterloo; two brothers, Edison "Junior" Geeting of Angola and Marvin Geeting of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Diannia; one stepson, Gordon; one stepdaughter, Betty; and one grandson, Walter.

April 28, 1997

Services held for Carol Robey, 55

Carol Robey, 55, of Van Wert, Ohio, died Tuesday at University Hospital, Cleveland.

Services were held Saturday at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Hope Lodge.

Mrs. Robey was born in Kearney, Neb. She was a laboratory technologist at Van Wert County Hospital.

Survivors include her husband, Franklin; her mother, Romona Nutter of Gibbon, Neb.; a son, Scott Hartge of Columbus; a daughter, Stephanie Riley of Jackson, Mich.; four stepsons, Franklin Robey Jr. and Daniel Robey, both of Garrett, Steven Robey of Ohio City, Ohio, and Gregory Robey of Van Wert; one step-daughter, Theresa Galaher of Avilla; a sister, Theda Potter of Westerville; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

April 21, 1997

Calling today for Sharon Lee Porter

Sharon Lee Porter, 57, of 700 East Keyser Street, died Saturday at 11:27 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 10 a.m. with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Northeast Kidney Center or the family.

Mrs. Porter was born Aug. 14, 1939, in Pike County. Her parents were Harley and Emma (Lee) Norrington. She and Alfred LeRoy Porter Jr., were married June 11, 1971, in Fort Wayne. He survives. She was a press operator at Uniform Printing in Kendallville for 17 years.

Surviving with her husband are four sons, Joseph, Steven and Mark Selby, all of Avilla, and Chad Porter of Garrett; three daughters, Nancy Hawk, Charity Wisel and Cindy K. Porter, all of Garrett; her former husband, Alan Selby of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Jack Austin of Winslow; a half-sister, Kay Sullivan of Tennessee; 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

April 24, 1997

Services conducted for Phyllis Ann Best

Phyllis Ann Best, 73, of Albion, died Sunday at 12:05 p.m. at her home in Albion.

Services were held Wednesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Woods of the Burr Oak Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

The family requests preferred memorials to DeKalb Home Health Care.

Mrs. Best was born Oct. 31, 1923, in Garrett. Her parents were Ralph and Maude (Williams) Shaffer.

Survivors include her husband, Eugene H. Best Sr., Albion; one son, Eugene H. Best Jr., Fort Wayne; five daughters, Marianne Mathieu of Antwerp, Ohio, Barbara Daily of Fort Wayne, Nancy Smith of Crestwood, Ky., Teresa Kreigh of Leesburg, and Judy Trowbridge of Albion; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra Best; two brothers, Harry Shaffer and Bud Shaffer; and two sisters, Ruth Billingleys and Dorothy Kemery.

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April 24, 1997

Service today for Juanita Schiffli, 82

Juanita Rose Schiffli, 82, of Waterloo, died Sunday at 7:45 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Calling will be after 9 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Vincent de Paul Society or Masses at the church.

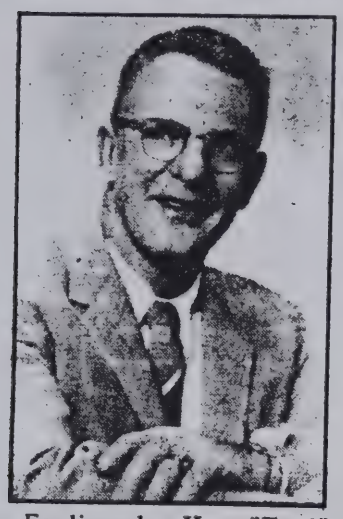
Mrs. Schiffli was born Feb. 15, 1915, in Edgerton, Ohio. Her parents were George and Anna (Miller) Sanders. She and Adolph J. Schiffli were married June 19, 1934, in Edgerton. He preceded her in death on July 9, 1992.

Survivors include 10 sons, John of Albuquerque, N.M., Robert, Donald, Paul, Stephen, Thomas and Mark, all of Waterloo, Richard of Ashley, Max of Butler, and David of Palatine, Ill.; two daughters, Theresa Schiffli of Garrett and Betty Hamman of Waterloo; three brothers, Lester Sanders of Fort Wayne, Vincent Sanders of Paulding, Ohio, and Wayne Sanders of Bryan, Ohio; 23 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Beulah H. Sanders, and one grandson.

May 8, 1997

Garrett businessman Ferd Thurman dies at age 85



Ferdinand H. "Ferd" Thurman, 85, of 925 South Peters Street, died Tuesday at 6:35 a.m. at his home in Garrett.

Services will be held Friday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m., at McKee - Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Ferry Jr. officiating. Calling will be from 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Graveside military services will be conducted by the Garrett American Legion.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Alzheimer Association.

Mr. Thurman was born Feb. 23, 1912 in Vochum, Germany. His parents were George and Berth (Frey) Thurman. He and Beverly Fike were married Sept. 21, 1963 in Garrett, she survives.

Survivors include two daughters, Eleanor Fairchild, of California, Vickie and Grady Holifield, of Hudson. Also surviving are three sons, Rudolph Thurman, of North Carolina, Russell and Leann Drew, of LaGrange and Ferdinand Thurman Jr., of Garrett. Other survivors include four brothers John Thurman, of Willoughby, Ohio, Paul Thurman, of West Liberty, Ohio, George Thurman, of Tuscon, AZ., and Ernie Thurman, of CA. Three sisters also survive, Evelyn Iannini, of Painsville, Ohio, Ann Newell, of Engelwood, Fl., and Ruth Johnston, of Pequannock, NJ. Six grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Thurman was the owner of Garrett Flexible Products and Rubber Toys Unique of Garrett and Avilla for 50 years, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, a 50 year member of the Garrett American Legion and a Charter member of the Presidential Task Force.

Mr. Thurman is a past member of the Garrett Rotary Club and Garrett Chamber of Commerce. He was also a veteran of WWII, serving in the US Navy.

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Former Garrett resident Dorcas Workman dies

Former Garrett resident Dorcas N. Workman, died Wednesday, April 9, at the Memorial Hospital in Fremont, Ohio.

Services were held at Hayes United Methodist Church, in Fremont, Ohio. Burial was in the Calvary Cemetery, Garrett. Arrangements were made by Keller - Ochs - Kock Funeral Home in Fremont, Ohio.

Mrs. Workman was born in Altona on Nov. 1, 1917. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Greenwood.

She married James F. Workman in Garrett, on Aug. 8, 1936. Mr. Workman died in Fremont, Ohio in 1987.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Workman were graduates of Garrett High School. She was a member of the class of 1935, and he was in the class of 1930.

Surviving is one son, James F. Workman II of Pensacola, FL. Also surviving is one brother, Donald Greenwood of Atwater, CA. Mrs. Workman also had two grandchildren. A second cousin, Charles Simcox survives in Garrett.

Mrs. Workman was a member of the Hayes United Methodist Church, The Order of Eastern Star and was past president of the Fremont Federation of Women.

May 15, 1997

Private services set for Doris Gaw, 82

Doris E. Gaw, 82, died Friday at St. Augustine Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Private services are planned. Croyle Funeral Home, St. Augustine, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Gaw was born in Bay City, Mich., and moved to St. Augustine in 1972 from Celina, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Gaw, and a son, Dr. Stephen Gaw.

Survivors include one son, David Gaw of Orlando, Fla., and one daughter, Martha Dinkel of Cincinnati, Ohio, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

George Gaw was the president of Midwest Foundry in Garrett for many years.

May 15, 1997

Former resident dies in Punta Gorda, Fla.

Robert C. Rider of Punta Gorda, Fla., died Saturday at 8:45 p.m. in Punta Gorda.

Mr. Rider was a former Garrett resident and was retired from the B & O Railroad where he worked as an engineer.

His wife, the former Nina Redmond, preceded him in death in December, 1995. He is survived by three sisters.

May 15, 1997

Services held Tuesday for Mary Steininger

Mary E. Steininger, 71, of Auburn, died Friday at 11:16 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Auburn Lions Club Helping Hands program.

Mrs. Steininger was born Dec. 20, 1995, in Auburn. Her parents were Clarence A. and Zola (Reynolds) Fretz. She and William H. Steininger were married Dec. 26, 1957, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on June 4, 1995. She worked seven years at the Auburn State Bank and was a homemaker.

Survivors include one stepson, Thomas A. Steininger of Garrett; one sister, Naomi B. Fretz-Pupeter of Karlsruhe, Germany; and a niece, Edda Fretz of Bloomington. She was preceded in death by one brother, Phillip.

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May 15, 1997

Services held for Robert O'Brien

Robert W. O'Brien, 72, of Ruby, Va., died suddenly on May 6 while visiting in Chicago. He is a former Garrett resident.

Services were held on Friday, May 9, at the Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake, Ill. Rev. Lisle J. Kauffman officiated. Private Interment was held at a later date at a cemetery in Jackson, Mich.

Mr. O'Brien was born Jan. 18, 1925, in Jackson, Mich. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Brien. When he lived in Garrett he worked at Ort's Furniture Store.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis; two sons, Robert Jr. of Ruby, Va., and Tom of Paris, Ill.; two daughters, Ruth Wormley of Omaha, Neb., and Patricia Tombasco of Greyslake, Ill.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three brothers; and one sister. Della Hutton of Garrett is a sister-in-law. He was preceded in death by one brother.

May 19, 1997

Services Wednesday for Irene McKinley

Irene McKinley, 72, of Garrett, died at her home on Sunday.

Friends may call from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church building fund in Avilla, where she was a member, or to Acres Inc.

Mrs. McKinley was also a member and past president of the American Legion Auxiliary in Avilla.

Survivors include her husband, G.R. "Mike" McKinley; a daughter, Gail McKinley of Garrett; two sons, Michael L of Kendallville and Gary R. of Avilla; a sister, Evelyn Wolfe of Huntertown; a brother, Donald Baker of Kendallville; and four granddaughters.

May 19, 1997

Joseph Brinkerhoff dies in Oregon

Joseph A. Brinkerhoff, 76, died Thursday at 3 p.m. (Oregon time) at the VA Medical Center, Portland, Ore.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at a later date. McKee-Miles Funeral Home will be in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Brinkerhoff was born March 12, 1921, in Garrett. His parents were James D. and Josephine (Teal) Brinkerhoff Sr. He formerly lived at 107½ West King Street until moving to Milwaukee, Ore., seven months ago. He retired in 1973 after 20 years in the research and development for I.T.T. in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include two sons, Jeff Brinkerhoff of Lake Worth, Fla., and Joel Brinkerhoff of Milwaukee, Ore.; one daughter, Judy Smith of Twin Lakes, Wisc.; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren, Brittany and Brandon Brouse.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Robert Brinkerhoff and one sister,

May 19, 1997

Calling today for Margaret Vogel, 76

Margaret L. Vogel, 76, of 514 South Lee Street, died Saturday at 4:15 a.m. at the home of her daughter in Auburn.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. and on Tuesday after 9:30 a.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. The Rosary Service will be at 3:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Seidel officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph School, Masses or the Garrett Historical Society.

Mrs. Vogel was born July 2, 1920, in Paulding, Ohio. Her parents were Albert and Mary (Koenn) Wilhelm. She and James H. Vogel Sr. were married May 20, 1939, in Paulding. He preceded her in death on March 1, 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Rosary Society and the Garrett Historical Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Pat Hess of Auburn, and Susie Dressler of Avilla; one son, James H. Vogel Jr. of Garrett; two brothers, Paul Wilhelm and Herman Wilhelm, both of Paulding; three sisters, Clara Guilford and Madonna Wonderly, both of Sherwood, Ohio, and Coletta Clark of Paulding; nine grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Louis and Ted Wilhelm.

May 22, 1997

Services set for Charles Hodge, Sr.

Charles "Lark" Hodge, Sr., 80, a resident of rural Huntertown in DeKalb County, died Sunday, May 4, at the Lakeland Health Care Center in Lakeland, Fla.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Dan Durkin officiating. Interment of the cremains will follow in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall of the Huntertown United Methodist Church following the services on Saturday afternoon. Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests preferred memorials to Saint Mary of the Assumption Church or the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Hodge was born in Fort Wayne on July 8, 1916. His parents were Lark and Sadie (Quinn) Hodge. He and Loreta "Reta" (Castor) Halt were married Oct. 1, 1978. She survives. He retired in 1972 from the U.S. Postal Service after 30 years of service.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Charles L. Hodge, Jr., of Melbourne, Fla.; a step-son, Larry T. Halt of Sunrise Beach, Mo.; two step-daughters, Kay Hartman of Spencerville and Dr. Linda Castor of Cicero; a sister, Margrette O'Connell of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

May 29, 1997

Services to be today for Andy Lehner

Harold Richard "Andy" Lehner, 83, of Kendallville, died Monday at 1:40 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Paul B.. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the East Noble Athletic Fund or Shepherd of the Hill van fund.

Mr. Lehner was born June 7, 1913, in Kendallville. His parents were John and Viola (Richards) Lehner. He and Marie I. Hahn were married on May 29, 1940. She preceded him in death on Jan. 6, 1977. He was an electrician at Kraft Foods for 25 years. Mr. Lehner was a member of the Mitchell Street United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 86 and a member of the Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ed (Pamela) Baker of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois Shoener of Garrett; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Lehner, and a sister, Greta Gehring.

May 29, 1997

Services set for Janet Swander, 79

Janet E. Swander, 79, of 911 West King Street, died Wednesday at 5 p.m. at her home.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Garrett Presbyterian Church with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Swander was born July 17, 1917, in Grabill. Her parents were Iven and Mary (Welsh) Sauder. She and Wilbur E. Swander Jr. were married April 2, 1937, in Auburn. He preceded her in death in 1987. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett Eagles and Auburn Moose.

Survivors include one son, Kim Swander of Garrett; two daughters, Julia Hoot of Rome City and Carole Reynolds of Auburn; one brother, Kenneth Sauder of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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May 29, 1997

Calling Friday for Margrette Stahl, 91

Margrette E. Stahl, 91, of Waterloo, died Wednesday at 4 a.m. at Appalachia Medical Center in Hazard, Ky.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Fairfield Cemetery, near Corunna.

Mrs. Stahl was born June 3, 1905, in DeKalb County. Her parents were Alpheus and Clara (McClellan) Cobler. Her husband, George C. Stahl, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Ray of Garrett and Jesse of South Milford; one daughter, Betty Dunn of Viper, Ky.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

May 29, 1997

Services conducted for Tural G. Grischke

Tural G. Grischke, 88, died Friday at 1:15 p.m. at Regency Place, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Pastor John Stube officiating. Burial was in the South Whitley Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Riley Children's Hospital.

Mrs. Grischke was born Sept. 20, 1908, in South Whitley. Her parents were Orville J. and Edith I. (Blue) Ulrey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul, in 1973.

Survivors include two sons, Nick A. of Fort Wayne and Paul R. of Grand Rapids, Mich.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

May 29, 1997

Services held for Wayne M. Rosselot

Wayne M. Rosselot, 74, of Leo, died Friday at 12 p.m. at his home.

Services were held Wednesday at the Leo United Methodist Church with Rev. Jean Brindel officiating. Masonic services were held Tuesday evening at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. The American Legion conducted graveside services at the Leo Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Leo United Methodist Church, Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or the Jack Brinker American Legion Post 409.

Mr. Rosselot was born April 15, 1923, in Fort Wayne. His parents were Louis F. and Leila L. (Horn) Rosselot. He retired in 1985 after 26 years of service as a project engineer for Navistar. He serviced in the US Navy during World War II. Mr. Rosselot was a member of the Leo United Methodist Church, past Master of Leo Lodge #224 F&AM, past commander of Jack Brinker Post #409; board member of the National U.S. LST Assoc., Skipper and Founder of the Indiana Chapter LST Assoc.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; two daughters, Melodie A. Cornelius of Auburn and Sandra L. Carter of Charlotte, N.C.; and four grandchildren.

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May 29, 1997

Calling today for Emma Coyer, 86

Emma Coyer, 86, died Wednesday at 3:03 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Little Flossie Church of Jesus Christ Old Regular Baptist Faith & Order in Lisbon with Rev. Russell Hicks and Rev. Morris Wicker officiating. Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the services at the church. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Coyer was born May 26, 1911, in Dock, Ky. Her parents were Samuel and Rachel (Bradley) Stephens. He and Gene M. Coyer were married Sept. 13, 1930, in Prestonsburg, Ky. He preceded her in death on June 28, 1984. Mrs. Coyer worked at Mossberg-Hubbard in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1976. She was a member of Little Flossie Church of Jesus Christ Old Regular Baptist Faith & Order. Survivors include two sons, James and John Coyer, both of Fort Wayne; six daughters, Mary Fugate, Billie Tuttle and Sharon Frost, all of Garrett, Sue Rowe of Butler, Bertha Morgan of Fort Wayne, and Patricia VanGessel of LaOtto; 36 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

One daughter, Emmagene Coyer, one son, Denver Coyer, two brothers, James and Hubert Stephens and one sister, Susie Ousley, preceded her in death.

May 29, 1997

Calling Friday for Robert G. Putt, 58

Robert G. Putt, 58, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Saturday with Dr. Hal Thomas officiating. Calling will also be held one hour before the services. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Putt was born June 7, 1938, in Fort Wayne. He and his wife, Bonnie, were married Feb. 15, 1970, in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1982 from the Fort Wayne Police Department. He was a member of the F.O.P. Lodge 14, Summit City Lodge 170, F&AM, American Legion Post 241, Baer Field N.C.O. Club, Navy Club, Ship #48, and Assistant Scout Master to F.O.P. Boy Scout Troop.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; his mother, Glenna Faye Tucker of Fort Wayne; three sons, Larry of Niles, Mich., Robert of Garrett, and Wilbert of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Kathy Putt of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Lon Bradfield of Penrose, Colo.; a stepdaughter, Leeannla Bradfield of Waterloo; and six grandchildren.

June 5, 1997

Services held for Betty Jane Payne

Betty Jane Payne, 75, died in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Thursday, May 29. She formerly lived in Garrett until 1971.

Services were held Monday in St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Payne was born in Fort Wayne on July 26, 1921. Her parents were Debs and May (Fleming) Ellett.

Survivors include one daughter, Caramay Koble of Gulfport, Fla.; two sons, Walter Penzin of Harvest, Ala., and Curtis Penzin of St. Petersburg; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and a companion of 10 years, George Mansfield..

June 5, 1997

Geraldine Mellott dies in Arizona

Geraldine Mellott, 68, died June 2 at Hacienda Rehabilitation & Care Center in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Private services were held. Sierra Vista Foothills Memorial was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Mellott was born March 29, 1929, in Jackson, Neb. Her parents were George and Elsie (Ferguson) Barber. She and Lloyd Mellott were married May 23, 1945. He survives.

Survivors include two sons, Ricky Mellott of Sierra Vista, and Ronald Mellott of Kendallville; one daughter, Robin Stiebing, Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ina Woods, Kansas City, Mo., and Genevieve Lacy of Sierra; one brother, Harold Barber of Lakewood, Colo.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Randal Mellott, one brother, Lloyd Barber, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

June 12, 1997

Calling Friday for Martha Kennedy

Martha Christian Kennedy, 88, of South Bend and formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday at 6:10 p.m. in South Bend.

Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Welshiemers Funeral Home in South Bend. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Saturday. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery at approximately noon on Saturday.

Mrs. Kennedy was born Feb. 19, 1909, in St. Joe. Her parents were Edward N. and Rebecca Mae (Showers) Miser. She and James M. Kennedy were married Oct. 17, 1934. He preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 1966.

After her husband retired as a meat cutter at Kroger, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy owned a neighborhood grocery on East King Street and then the little grocery of East Houston Street.

Mrs. Kennedy was a teacher at the Keyser Township Schools before moving to South Bend around 1950. She retired from teaching in the South Bend schools.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Ann Watts of Mishawaka; one grandson and one great-granddaughter. Pat Weimer of Garrett is a niece.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles T. Miser, Robert Franklin Miser and Wesley H. Miser.

June 12, 1997

Memorial service held for Robert Jones, 66

Robert L. Jones, 66, of Garrett, died Monday at 9 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

A memorial services was held Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Mr. Jones was born Oct. 14, 1930, in Assumption, Ill. His parents were Melvin and Verna (Munson) Jones. He was a retired truck driver and a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane; four sons, Michael and Gary, both of Garrett, Greg of Hamilton and Jeff of Auburn; one daughter, Rita Ternet of Garrett; and 13 grandchildren,

He was preceded in death by two sons, William and David; one daughter, Kathy Parker, and four brothers, Otis, Carl, Homer and Donnie Jones.

June 12, 1997

Services conducted for Marie Hughes

Marie A. Hughes, 84, of Auburn, died Sunday at 5:45 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Mrs. Hughes was born Aug. 8, 1912, in Auburn. Her parents were Don and Hazel (Ensley) Sprott. She and Robert Hughes were married July 8, 1935. He survives. Mrs. Hughes was a secretary at Auburn High School from 1960 to 1965 and at Stanadyne in Garrett from 1965 to 1976. She was a member of Kenwigs Literary Club, Tri Kappa Sorority, Garrett Eastern Star, Auburn Presbyterian Church and a life member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild.

Surviving with her husband are a brother, Joe Sprott of Arkansas. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ron and Tom Sprott.

June 16, 1997

Services today for Angela Kinney, 90

Angela M. Kinney, 90, of 412 South Johnson Street, died Thursday at 9:17 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Seidel officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. A Rosary services was held Sunday afternoon at McKee-Miles Funeral Home.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Masses at the church.

Mrs. Kinney was born Sept. 17, 1906, in Auburn. Her parents were John and Antonia Johnson. She and Leo F. Kinney were married Nov. 23, 1926, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Aug. 12, 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Harvest House.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Kinney of Garrett and Edward Kinney of Bryan, Ohio; one daughter, Carol Ann Schoenhals of Cape Coral, Fla.; one brother, Andrew Johnson of Chicago; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

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Services Wednesday forDavid L. Garrison

David L. Garrison, 60, of 0859 CR 52, Garrett, died Saturday at 11 p.m. at his home.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Masonic services will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. Services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Mike Winn officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Garrett American Legion.

The family requests preferred memorials to the Indiana School For The Deaf.

Mr. Garrison was born Sept. 29, 1936, in Astabula, Ohio. His parents were Carl and Irene (Wallace) Garrison. He and Martha Best Rowe were married March 26, 1994, in Garrett. She survives. He was a senior electrician at Slater Steel Mill for 32 years, retiring in 1994. He served in the U.S. Marines from 1953-1956. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles, American Legion, Elks and the Churubusco VFW. Mr. Garrison was also a 32nd degree member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Ronald Garrison of Virginia Beach, Va., and Douglas Garrison of Tucson, Ariz.; three stepdaughters, Deb Norden of Kendallville, Patty Rowe of Garrett and Marilyn Denes of Zainesville; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean, and one son.

June 16, 1997

Calling Tuesday for Judy K. Montel

Judy K. Montel, 55, of 816 North Randolph Street, died Friday, June 13, at 5:51 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor John P. Jones officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mrs. Montel was born Nov. 7, 1941, in DeFord, Mich., to Donald C. and Edwina P. (Thane) Clark. Her father survives. She and Edward Montel were married Jan. 9, 1965, in Adamsville, Mich. He also survives. She worked at Tokeim in Albion for 12 years. Mrs. Montel was a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

Surviving with her husband and father are three stepsons, Jonathan Montel of Osceola, Mark Montel of Springfield, Va., and Joe E. Montel of Edwardsburg, Mich.; two stepdaughters, Diana J. Pearson of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Susan K. Bradford of Mishawaka; four brothers, Dale Clark of Saginaw, Mich., John Clark of Lakewood, Colo., Lee Clark of New Hudson, Mich., and Ron Clark of North Glen, Colo.; and four sisters, Blanche Hiller of Maysville, Mich., Gladys Taylor of Vassar, Mich., Linda Gammon of Chicago, and Vicki Montel of Osceola.

June 19, 1997

Calling today for Ruth Bishop, 73

Ruth Irene Bishop, 73, of 602 East Warfield Street, died Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. A Rosary Service will be held this evening at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Friday with Fr. Thomas Seidel officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Mrs. Bishop was born Dec. 10, 1923, in Brimfield. Her parents were Carl and Hattie (Hofferman) Ackerman. She and Earl Bishop were married Feb. 14, 1946, in Garrett. He survives. She was a 1942 graduate of Waterloo High School and retired in 1984 with 12½ years as a nurse aid at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Mrs. Bishop was a volunteer at St. Vincent dePaul and the Garrett Christmas Bureau.

Surviving with her husband are one son, Scott Bishop of 712 South Randolph Street; two sisters, Ethel Kandel of Auburn and Rosie Peachy of Kendallville; one brother, Dale Ackerman of Hamilton; two grandchildren, Scott Bishop and Amanda Bishop; and one great-grandson, Andrew Bishop.

June 19, 1997

Services Friday for Jerry Snyder, 54

Jerry L. Snyder, 54, of Leo, died Tuesday at 6:03 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and after 10 a.m. Friday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spencerville. Services will be held at the church at 11 a.m. Friday with Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Cedar Canyon Fire Department, the church or the American Heart Association.

Mr. Snyder was born Sept. 7, 1942, in Auburn, to Warren and Beatrice (McLeery) Snyder. His mother survives. He and Sharon Timmerman were married May 28, 1962, in Spencerville. She survives. He worked at B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn for 34 years. Mr. Snyder was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and was on the Cedar Canyons Fire Department for more than 25 years.

Surviving with his wife and mother are one son, Brent of Warrensburg, Mo.; one daughter, Susan Miller of Arlington, Wash.; two brothers, Lance of Butler and Michael of Garrett; one sister, Linda Evanoff of Butler; and two grandchildren, Ryan and Christopher Snyder.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Keith and Roger Snyder

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Son of Hilda Viets dies in California

Burdette Joseph Carnahan, 77, of Cottonwood, Calif., died recently at his home. He is the son of Hilda Viets of 306 South Cowen Street.

A memorial service was held in Cottonwood.

Mr. Carnahan was born June 28, 1919. He was a retired long distance truck driver.

Mr. Carnahan made many trips to Garrett to visit his mother. While here, he made many friends and enjoyed visiting around the community.

Surviving with his mother are three children, Christy, Valerie and Mike; two foster children, Rick and Sherry; one sister, Phyllis Denzer of Wellingford, Conn.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

June 19, 1997

Services to be Friday for Esther McKibben

Esther McKibben, 101, formerly of Fremont, died Monday at Coldwater Community Hospital, Coldwater, Mich.

Friends may call today from 3-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Services will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Shriner's Hospital.

Mrs. McKibben was born in Putnam County, Ohio. She was formerly a cook at Tri State University in Angola. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Sherman Fenstermaker, in 1960, and by her second husband, Harvey McKibben, in 1979.

Survivors include two daughters, Violet Vice of Garrett and Gloria Berlien Pridgeon of Montgomery, Mich.; a son, Arna Fenstermaker of Fremont; three stepsons, Howard McKibben of Cloverdale, Ohio, and Donald McKibben and Ronald McKibben, both of Continental, Ohio; six grandchildren, six step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and 18 step-great-grandchildren.

July 21, 1997

Funeral services set for Hazel T. Hissong

Hazel T. Hissong, 83, of Auburn, died Sunday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett with Rev. Karen Koelsch officiating. Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Preferred memorials are to Auburn United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hissong was born Nov. 21, 1913 in DeKalb County. Her parents were Willard Childs and Daisy Walker. She married Garl Hissong, Jan. 6, 1932 in Auburn. He preceded her in death Feb. 4, 1994. Mrs. Hissong worked in the cafeteria at DeKalb Central School for 18 years, retiring in 1986.

Survivors include three sons, Steven Hissong, of Auburn, Richard Hissong, of Kendallville, and Robert Hissong, of Corunna; one daughter, Phyllis Payton, of Auburn; a sister, Dorothy Kline, Edon, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother Ralph Childs.

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Services conducted for Virginia Brake, 43

Virginia Collingsworth Brake, 43, of Waterloo; died Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Friday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mrs. Brake was born June 16, 1954, in Auburn, to Charles and Nora (Carroll) Collingsworth. She was a 1975 graduate of the Indiana School for the Deaf in Indianapolis.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Don and Nora Greuter of Waterloo; a son, Thomas Brake of Indianapolis; a daughter, Rachel Brake of Indianapolis; a grandmother, Martha Wilcox of Plymouth; two brothers, Charles Jeffery of Garrett and James Collingsworth of Indianapolis; two sisters, Cindy Wines of Bryan, Ohio, and Laurie Barth of Defiance, Ohio; five stepsisters and one granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by one sister and one granddaughter.

July 21, 1997

Services to be today for Judith Charles

Judith Rae Charles, 49, of Garrett, died Saturday at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Pastors Lane Andrews and Robert Hicks officiating. Calling will be from noon until the time of the services. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mrs. Charles was born Oct. 2, 1947, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were Roy and Pauline Combs. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Cindy Mead and Christie Slone, both of Garrett; one sister, Karolyn McCosh of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Peggy Helblig.

June 28, 1997

Services held for Norbert Schulthess

Norbert D. Schulthess, 67, of Garrett, died Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mr. Schulthess was born Aug. 30, 1929, in Garrett. His parents were Albert and Nola (Bennett) Schulthess. He was a field surveyor for the DeKalb County Surveyor's office, in addition to being a farmer. Mr. Schulthess served in the Air National Guard in Fort Wayne in the early 50's and was a member of the Garrett American Legion Post 178.

Survivors include one brother, Don Schulthess of Howe; one sister, Ruth Tarlton of Kendallville; and one sister-in-law, Marie Schulthess of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Earl Schulthess.

June 28, 1997

Services today for Freda Huelsenbeck

Freda Huelsenbeck, 76, of Avilla, died Sunday at 11:14 p.m. at her home.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Rev. Dan Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Rosary services were held Wednesday evening at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

The family requests preferred memorials to the St. Mary's School Fund.

Mrs. Huelsenbeck was born July 30, 1920, in Avilla. Her parents were Edwin F. and Catherine C. (Mund) Teders. She and Hershel Huelsenbeck were married in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Nov. 23, 1942. He survives. She was retired from the East Noble High School cafeteria and was a homemaker. Mrs. Huelsenbeck was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the American Legion Post 240 Auxiliary and St. Mary's Rosary Society.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Janis Sobieski of Garrett; five sons, John, Gary and Tim Huelsenbeck, all of Avilla, Kevin Huelsenbeck of Troy, Mo., and Lynn Huelsenbeck of Churubusco; two sisters, Brunetta Sible of Avilla and Joan Houser of Fort Wayne; a brother, Clifford Teders of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Arnold Teders and Paul Teders, and two great-grandchildren.

June 28, 1997

Services conducted for Richard Norton

Richard E. Norton, 60, of Phoenix, Ariz., died last Thursday at 11:43 a.m. in Sonoran Rehabilitation and Care Center in Phoenix.

Services were held Wednesday at Pearce Funeral Home in Marshall, Ill. Burial was in Marshall Cemetery.

Mr. Norton was born Jan. 4, 1937, in Detroit, Mich. His parents were Theodore E. and Gladys G. (Layton) Norton. He retired in 1986 from Tony Angelo Cement Construction Co., where he had worked for 25 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Norton was a member of Harper Wood American Legion Post 126, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 247.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond E. and Cheryl Norton of Dearborn, Mich., and Carl E. and Theresa Norton of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah C. and Stacy A. Wells of Garrett, and Pamela and Ed Miller of Hudson; and six grandchildren.

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July 3, 1997

Graveside services set for Joe Brinkerhoff

Joseph A. Brinkerhoff, 76, died Thursday, May 15, at 5 p.m. in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Portland, Ore.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 7th, at Christian Union Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brinkerhoff worked in research and development for ITT in Fort Wayne for 20 years before retiring in 1973. He worked at Ort's Furniture in Garrett in the mid 50's. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served with the 7th Air Force with 2 1/2 years overseas.

He was born March 12, 1921, in Garrett. His parents were James D. and Josephine (Teal) Brinkerhoff

Survivors include two sons, Jeff of Lake Worth, Fla., and Joel of Milwaukee, Ore.; one daughter, Judy Smith of Twin Lakes, Wisc.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and James Brinkerhoff, and one sister, Beverly Vogel.

July 7, 1997

Services held for Garland "Bud" Treesh

Garland L. "Bud" Treesh, 65, of 3516 CR 15, Auburn, died Wednesday at 11:30 p.m. at his home.

Services were held Saturday at the Garrett United Methodist Church with Dr. R. Larry Smith and Pastor Bill Dunfee officiating. Military graveside services by the Garrett American Legion were conducted at Christian Union Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Mr. Treesh was born March 30, 1932, in Kendallville. He and Nancy Ellen Hays were married Feb. 21, 1953, in Garrett. She survives.

Mr. Treesh was the owner of Tireville, which he established in 1976. He retired in 1992. He was a member of the Garrett Rotary Club, Skirts and Shirts Square Dance Club and the Garrett United Methodist Church. Mr. Treesh was a U.S. Army Airborne Veteran of Korea.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, David Treesh and Douglas Treesh, both of Corunna, Dana Treesh of Garrett and Dennis Treesh of Auburn; one daughter, Linda Diane Treesh of Angola; one sister, Donna Jean Steffe of Auburn; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

July 14, 1997

Funeral services held for Mary Gravit, 69

Mary F. Gravit, 69, of LaGrange County, died Thursday at 2 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial was in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Parkview Homebound Healthcare or the Stroh Fire Department.

Mrs. Gravit was born July 1, 1928, in Garrett. Her parents were Jay and Lillie (Metzler) Hall. She and Harold W. (Red) Gravit were married on Dec. 23, 1950, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1994.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Ronnie (Sherry) Holiday of Angola; one son, David A. Gravit of Hudson; two brothers, Robert Hall of Bellevue, Ohio, and Marvin Hall of Garrett; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, one sister and one granddaughter.

Services conducted for Mitchell Stevens

Mitchell Stevens, 73, of 4723 CR 7, Garrett, died Thursday at 2:40 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Saturday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Ronald Stambaugh officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Stevens was born Sept. 7, 1923, in Hueysville, Ky. His parents were Grover Cleveland and Catherine (Bailey) Stevens. He and Shirley Shepherd were married in 1946. She preceded him in death in 1985. He worked at the Auburn Foundry in the Core Room for 19 years, retiring in 1982. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving is one son, Wayne Stevens of Garrett.

July 14, 1997

Services to be today for Edwin Yanuszeski

Edwin H. "Red" Yanuszeski, 73, of Columbia City, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Columbia City. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in St. Matthews (Hively) Cemetery, Columbia City. DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church building fund.

Mr. Yanuszeski retired in 1988 after 46 years as a machine operator at Wayne Home Equipment and Scotts & Fetzer in Fort Wayne. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth E.; one son, David of Sarasota, Fla.; three grandchildren; three brothers, Alex Yanuszeski of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Richard Yanuszeski of Kendallville; and Max Foor of Arcola; and a sister, Deleres Doolittle of Royal Oak, Mich.

July 17, 1997

Services today for Walter G. Warstler

Walter G. Warstler, 85, of Pleasant Lake, died Sunday at 5:10 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital from injuries suffered in an auto accident at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of SR 327 and SR 4.

Services will be today at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Golden Lake. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Mr. Warstler was born Oct. 18, 1911, in DeKalb County. His parents were Orange W. and Ethel (Long) Warstler. He and Mae Hesley were married Dec. 14, 1934. She survives. He retired in 1976 after 24 years with Ball Brass and Aluminum Foundry, where he worked as a molder and core-maker. Mr. Warstler was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Richard Warstler of Rosenberg, Tex.; one daughter, Carol Shipe of Southport; three brothers, Charles of Clermont, Fla., Lester of Allen, Mich., and Robert of Toledo, Ohio; one sister, Minnie Hollinger of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

One son, Russel, one brother, Perry, and one sister, Ruth Durrim, preceded him in death.

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Services held for Mary Smith, 93

Mary Mildred Smith, 93, of rural Garrett, died Sunday at 3:05 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Wednesday at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Rick Garmon officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church.

Mrs. Smith was born April 28, 1904, in Carroll County. Her parents were Ira and Mary Etta (Hatter) Goe. She and Ashton V. Smith were married on Sept. 2, 1922, in Hillsdale, Mich. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1978. She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene and was the Teacher of the Year at the church in 1985.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Chester and Bette Smith of Holland, Mich., Estelle and Betty Smith of Garrett, and Homer and Gloria Smith of Twelve Mile; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lois Stebing of Auburn, Romona and Eston Rohm of Auburn, and Violet and Larry Hansche of Upland, Calif.; two sisters, Ada Nicholas and Leah Hay, both of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Mildred John and Ethel Smith, both of Auburn; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and 13-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son-in-law, John Stebing, two grandchildren and two sisters.

Services conducted for Charlotte Smith

Charlotte J. Smith, 81, of 609 South Cowen Street, died Sunday at 2:51 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Wednesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial was in Pleasant View Cemetery in Rudolph, Ohio.

The family has requested memorials to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Smith was born June 11, 1916, in Putman County, Ohio. Her parents were David and Luncinda (Eagleson) Beck. She and Walter Smith were married Aug. 20, 1934, in Bowling Green, Ohio. He preceded her in death in 1974. Mrs. Smith worked with her husband at Smith's Texaco. She also worked in the dietary department of the Garrett Hospital, retiring in 1978. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Smith of Garrett, and Dorothy Dell of Fort Wayne; one son, Walter Smith Jr. of St. Joe; four grandchildren; and one brother, Merle Beck of Pudolph, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by one grandson; five brothers, Art, Roy, Alford, Orville and Harvey Beck; and three sisters, Gayle Good, Cora Sanders and Florrie Folk.

July 28, 1997

Services conducted for Gregory Van Dyne

Gregory D. Van Dyne, 31, of Fort Wayne, died July 11 in Homosassa, Fla.

Memorial services were held Saturday at the Church of God at Silver Lake. Wilder-Fountains Funeral Home, Homosassa, was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Van Dyne was born in Fort Wayne and was a construction worker.

Survivors include his parents, Roger and Kathay (Proximire) Van Dyne of Homosassa; a daughter, Christine Van Dyne of Garrett; two sisters, Shawnee Likes of Angola, and Angela Mack of Homosassa; and his grandparents, LaVon Proxmire of Fort Wayne, and Wayne and Anna Van Dyne of Angola.

Services held for Anna Muzzillo

Former Garrett resident Anna Muzzillo past away on July 17 at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Services were held at the St. James Catholic Church in Cleveland on Monday, July 21. Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Garrett on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Muzzillo was born Aug. 24, 1927, in the Bronx, N. Y. She was the wife of Norbert Muzzillo. He survives.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Mark of Ohio, Gregory of North Carolina and Philip of Ohio; one daughter, Mary Ann of St. Louis; six grandchildren and a sister, Helen Hyde of Garrett.

July 28, 1997

Services Tuesday for Adda Fulk, 93

Adda J. Fulk, 93, died Friday at 8:30 p.m. at Rosewood Adult Foster Care in Scottville, Mich.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Christian Union Cemetery with Rev. William Haworth officiating.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Hospice of Mason County Michigan, c/o 10 Atkins Dr., Suite #3, Ludington, MI 49431.

Mrs. Fulk was born Sept. 9, 1903, in Albion. Her parents were Bert and Essie (Abel) Williams. She and John F. Fulk were married June 27, 1925, in Coldwater, Mich. He preceded her in death on May 3, 1962. She was a homemaker and a lifetime Garrett resident until moving to Ludington, Mich., six years ago. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Athene Reading Club, Women's Society at the Garrett United Methodist Church, where she was a member.

Survivors include on daughter, Carol Hunt of Ludington; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Grace Barnes and Midge Spitzer, and one brother, Dale Williams.

July 28, 1997

Services Wednesday for Paul R. Wurm

Paul R. Wurm, 73, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Foster Parents Program for DeKalb Public Welfare or to the family.

Mr. Wurm was employed at Dana Corp. as an inspector and retired 1986.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; four sons, Paul Wurm, Joseph Sumner and Adam Wurm, all of Fort Wayne, and Wayne Sumner of Angola; six daughters, Paula Lipp and Beverly Messmann, both of Fort Wayne, Valerie Deam of Spencerville, Leslie Rolston and Roberta Wurm, both of Avilla, and Barbara Wurm of Auburn; two sisters, Kate Haesley of Cleveland and Marilyn Molargik of Garrett; four brothers, Vince of Lake James, Don of Colorado Springs, Colo., Charles of Fort Wayne and Victor of Monroeville; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Joseph.

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July 31, 1997

Services held July 23 for Joanna Hart, 73

Joanna R. Hart, 73, of Temple City, Calif., died Thursday, July 17.

Services were held on Wednesday, July 23, at the First Baptist Church in Temple City, with Dr. Douglas Beyer officiating.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church.

Mrs. Hart was born Nov. 18, 1924, in Garrett. Her parents were Smyers and Ella Rensberger. She was a 1943 graduate of Garrett High School. She and Dale Hart were married on Feb. 3, 1946. He survives.

Mrs. Hart was a homemaker, vice-president of Dale Hart Company and a published author of many Christian books and curricula. She ministered at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, First Christian Church in Inglewood, Calif., Rosemead Church of Christ in Rosemead, Calif., West Covina Church of Christ in West Covina, Calif., and First Baptist Church in Temple City. Her areas of ministry were Music and Christian Education. In 1983 she was named Christian Education Worker of the Year at West Covina Church of Christ.

Surviving with her husband are twin daughters, Melinda Rardin and Cindy Flannigan and a son, Roy Hart. Her grandchildren are Brendon Flannigan, Dale Rardin, Jolinda Rardin and Sarah Hart. Her great-granddaughter is Hannah Rardin.

Services held for Sherry Lu Lang

Sherry Lu Lang, 43, of 0238 CR 62, LaOtto, died Monday at 1 a.m. at her home.

Services were held at McKee-Miles Funeral Home Wednesday evening with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Mrs. Lang was born Jan. 26, 1954, in LaGrange. Her parents were Shirley and Jo Anne (Surfus) Garrison, of Kendallville. She and Douglas R. Lang were married Nov. 2, 1974, in Roanoke. He survives. She worked at Lincoln Life Insurance in Fort Wayne in the Retransformation Dept. for 20 years.

Surviving with her husband are one son, Clifford Lang, and one daughter, Melissa Lang, both at home; four sisters, Susie Maxson and Peggy Johns, both of Kendallville, Sandy Davis of Park City, Utah, and Patty Leathers of Rome sister; and her grandmother, Loena Surfus of LaGrange.

Services set for Shannon Lewis

Shannon J. Lewis, 52, of Hamilton, died Monday at 4:17 p.m. at his home.

Friends may call today from 4-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

Mr. Lewis was born April 14, 1945, in Auburn, to Irvin W. and Betty Winn (McCullough) Lewis. His mother survives in Garrett. He was an engineer for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 33 years. He was a 1963 graduate of Auburn High School and a member of Ducks Unlimited.

Surviving with his mother are one daughter, Heather; two sisters, Janlee Winn Myers of Fort Wayne and Michaele R. King of Savannah, Ga.

Aug 7, 1997

Services held for Steven Mulligan

Steven Mulligan, 49, of Ann Arbor, Mich., died Wednesday at his home.

Memorial services were held last Sunday at the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne.

The family requests preferred memorials to Emory University Parkinson's Research, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Mulligan was the son of Rev. Glenn and Maxine Mulligan. Rev. Mulligan was a former pastor at Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, south of Garrett. They survive in Fort Wayne. He is also survived by his wife, Kathryn, and a sister, Kathy Steinmetz of Huntington.

Mr. Mulligan was a sales executive for Apple Computer Inc.

Aug 7, 1997

Services held for Lillian Hile, 80

Lillian Joan Hile, 80, formerly of Garrett, died Wednesday, July 30, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were held last Saturday at the Avilla Catholic Cemetery with Fr. Raymond J. Balzer officiating. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Hile was born Aug. 2, 1916, in Chicago. Her parents were Joseph and Lillian LeMieux. She and Clifford Hile were married in 1936. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1995.

Survivors include two sons, John Hile of Churubusco and Clifford "Cork" Hile Jr., of Belding, Mich.; two brothers, Lesley LeMieux of Kimmel and Joseph LeMieux of Niles, Ill.; two sisters, Frances Finnigan of Dearborn, Mich., and Estell Bilyeu of Oak Park, Ill.; two step-brothers, Frank Madden of Elgin, Ill., and Phillip Madden of Elgin, Ill.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Aug 7, 1997

Services today for Paul McCartney

Paul McCartney, 46, of Bellingham, Wash., died last Saturday at Bayside Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Memorial services will be held today at the Church of Christ in Bellingham. Westford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church at 558 Sterling Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226.

Mr. McCartney was born Dec. 30, 1950, in Spring Hill, La., to Lester and Christine (Mackey) McCartney. His father survives in Garrett. He and Kaye Cunningham were married May 28, 1972, in Ravenden, Ark. She survives. He was a 1969 graduate of Garrett High School and attended Harding College in Searcy, Ark.. He worked at Current Industries in Bellingham.

Surviving with his wife and father are a daughter, Christina McCartney of Bellingham; two granddaughters, Jacinda McCartney and Sonja McCartney, both of Bellingham; a sister, Christine McCartney of Garrett; and a brother, James McCartney of Riverside, Mich.

Aug 11, 1997

Services to be today for Frank Curcio Sr.

Frank James Curcio Sr., 59, of rural Butler died Thursday at 9:20 p.m.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler with Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to DeKalb County Hospice.

Mr. Curcio was born April 10, 1938, in Ballston Spa, N.Y. His parents were George Frank Curcio and Palmina Califano Purdy. He worked as a maintenance mechanic at C.C.I. in Huntertown for eight years. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1956 t0 1959.

Survivors include two sons, Frank Jr. and Jeremy, both of Butler; three daughters, Lisa New and Lydia Leon, both of Garrett, and Lorraine Link of Butler; three sisters, Margaretta Kilburn of Ballston Spa, N.Y., Nancy Knowlton of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Mollie VanWagner of Abbeville, Ala.; a foster brother, C.J. Fuller of Corunna; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a companion, Mary Hummon of Butler; and a former wife, Martha Curcio of Butler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lelani Curcio, who died in 1969.

Aug 11, 1997

Services today for Thomas Harrell, 80

Thomas E. Harrell, 80, of Hudson, died Thursday at 2 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Rev. Robert Kirtland officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Stroh Church of Christ building fund.

Mr. Harrell was born Aug. 24, 1916, in Gas City. His parents were Thomas and Mary (Williams) Harrell. He and Marjorie Cathers were married Dec. 25, 1940. She survives. Mr. Harrell retired in 1980 after 22 years as a maintenance engineer for the Fort Wayne Community Schools. He was a World War II Army veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart. He worked for the Civilian Conservation Corp.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Jack Harrell of Pleasant Lake and Jeff Harrell of Garrett; two daughters, Judy Johnson of St. Joe and Joan Shewell of Salem; one sister, Iris Koughn of Huntington; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Thomas Harrell in 1951.

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Calling today for Dorthea Chittenden

Dorthea A. Chittenden, 65, of 918 South Peters Street, died Tuesday at 7:38 a.m. at her home.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 10 a.m. with Pastor Paul Spychalski officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to DeKalb Hospice, Hope Alive Church in Avilla, or First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Mrs. Chittenden was born Feb. 28, 1932, in Noble County. Her parents were John N. and Leila F. (Smith) Berkes. She and Elbert Hugh Chittenden were married June 11, 1960, in Fort Wayne. He survives. She worked at Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1991. She was a member of the Hope Alive Church.

Surviving with her husband are one son, Michael Chittenden of Garrett; three daughters, Tammy Johnson and Sandra Stevens, both of Garrett, and Kimberly Kessler of Auburn; three brothers, Keith Berkes and Allan Berkes, both of Fort Wayne, and DeLois Zimmerman of Mentone; three sisters, Kathleen Harrold of Fort Wayne, Evelyn Himes of Warsaw and Dolores Hyde of Mentone; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Kerry Hugh Chittenden, two brothers, John and Max Berkes, and one grandson.

Aug 14, 1997

Services held for Barbara Ludwig

Barbara J. Ludwig, 74, of Auburn, died Sunday at 7:15 a.m. at her home.

Services were held Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home with Rev. Harvey Huntley officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, or the DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Mr. Ludwig was born Dec. 9, 1922, in Monticello, Ill. Her parents were Donald E. and Mable (Waltz) Bradley. She and Robert Ludwig were married on Sept. 1, 1941, in Fairmont, Ill. He survives. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Judith Ann Battig of Garrett and Patricia Sue Musser of Kendallville; one brother, Dr. Richard E. Bradley of Crossville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Richard.

Aug 14, 1997

Funeral service held for Herman Norden

Herman H. Norden, 90, of Avilla, died Saturday at 6:20 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor. Services were held Wednesday in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Emmanual Lutheran Church building fund.

Mr. Norden was born Dec. 31, 1906, in Cleveland, Ohio. His parents were Henry H. and Anna (Brandt) Norden. He and Mela A. Sundermann were married April 2, 1938, in Fort Wayne. She survives. He was a retired carpenter for Carpenters Local 232.

Surviving with his wife are four daughters, Betty Heiman of Avilla, Doris Hess of Huntertown, Bonnie Buuck of Ossian and Janet Hackman of Columbus; two sons, Donald E. Norden of Avilla, and Martin H. Norden of Garrett; 21 grandchildren; and five great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one grandchild.

Aug 18, 1997

Calling today for Kenneth Graft, 78

Kenneth Otto Graft, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church building fund or to Fort Wayne Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Mr. Graft was owner and operator of O.C. Graft and Son for 40 years and he retired in 1982. He was also a WW II Army Veteran and a former firefighter for the Southwest Allen County Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred; two sons, John K. of Garrett and William H. of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Dorothy Prince and Margaret Keyser, both of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sons, Robert.

Aug 18, 1997

Services today for Marion Dreibilbis

Marion A. Dreibilbis, 84, of Angola, and formerly of Garrett, died Friday at 10:20 a.m. at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of the services. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery with Military Services by the Garrett American Legion and the VFW.

Mr. Dreibilbis was born Dec. 16, 1912, in Garrett. His parents were Alton and Laura (McCartney) Dreibilbis. He and Jeanette G. Tiebolt were married June 3, 1944, in Columbus, Ga. She preceded him in death on Sept. 17, 1983. He was a conductor on the B & O Railroad for 38 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion, VFW, Eagles and an honorary member of the Fort Wayne Beagle Club. He was a WW II U.S. Army Veteran. He formerly lived at Golden Lake since 1975.

Survivors include a friend, Marguerite Ward of Ashley; and two cousins, Thurlow Dreibilbis of Columbia City and Duane Dreibilbis of Albion.

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Aug 21, 1997

Services held Tuesday for Robert Wetzel

Robert C. Wetzel, 73, of Garrett, died Saturday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan. Burial was in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the donor's choice.

Mr. Wetzel was born in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1975 from truck driving for Pontiac Coal & Oil. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, in 1990.

Survivors include four sons, Robert C. Jr. and Barry, both of Fort Wayne, Rick of Auburn, and Mark of Garrett; a daughter, Sandra Kizer of Harlan; a brother, William of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Allmandinger of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Aug 21, 1997

Graveside services set for Margaret Carroll

Margaret M. Carroll, 97, of Angola, died Monday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola. She formerly lived in Garrett.

Graveside services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Margaret Carroll Scholarship, c/o Union Hospital Foundation, Terre Haute.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ann Carroll of Terre Haute and Elizabeth Shearer of Chesterland, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1981.

Aug 25, 1997

Services held for Leona Holtzman

Leona F. Bowlby Holtzman, 87, died Wednesday at 12:38 p.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Christian Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Holtzman was born March 3, 1910, in Keyser, W. Va. Her parents were Wheeler and Amanda (Fleek) Biser. She was a beautician. She and Wendell Bowlby were married Sept. 14, 1930, in Garrett. He preceded her in death in 1963. She married Donald Holtzman on May 3, 1973 in Mount Rainer, Md. He survives at their Fort Wayne home.

Surviving with her husband are one son, Richard Bowlby of Superior, Ariz.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a twin sister, Leota Oliver.

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Aug 28, 1997

Services held for Dale Jones, 58

Dale A. Jones, 58, of Spencerville, died Friday at 10:20 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Tuesday at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery, south of Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

Mr. Jones was born Feb. 8, 1939, in Garrett, to Alvin L. and Berniece F. (Pound) Jones. His mother survives in Auburn and his father is deceased. He and Beverly Johnston were married Aug. 29, 1959, in Auburn. She survives. He was a truck driver for Dietrich in Hicksville, Ohio. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving with his wife and mother are two daughters, Linda Ann Daub of Waterloo and Joan Jones of Spencerville; two brothers, Alvin J. Jones of Auburn and Edwin P. Jones of Garrett; one sister, Frieda Smigelski of Lake Geneva, Wisc.; and four grandchildren, Ashley Nichole Gick, Danielle Kristine Gick, Dustin Allen Gick and Dylan Michael Carroll, all of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Rita May Jones, in 1988, and one sister, Mary Lou Lallow, in 1986.

Aug 28, 1997

Services conducted for Ralph High, 27

Ralph Edward "Eddy" High, 27, of Corunna, died of electrocution in an accident on Sunday. He was pronounced dead at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. William Graafsma Jr. officiating. Burial was in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

The family has requested preferred memorials to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. High was born March 12, 1970, in Montpelier, Ohio. His mother is Doris Jean Dohner of Angola, his father and stepmother are Larry and Lana High of Butler, and his stepfather is Norm Dohner of Fremont. He was employed by Halex Co. of Hamilton.

Other survivors include one brother, Norman Dohner of Fremont; three sisters, Angela Renee Richards of Angola, and Sue Simmons and Melinda Cooper, both of Butler; five stepbrothers, Steven Anthony of Kendallville, Neil Anthony of Auburn, Mike Anthony of Leo, Lonnie Fuller of Albion, and Shawn Dohner of Fremont; three stepsisters, Brenda Tanner of Garrett, and Renell Dohner and Michelle Dohner, both of South Bend; his grandparents, Ralph and Plina Vires of Butler, and Merylee Dohner of Hamilton; and his fiancee, Rose Dean, and her children, Misty Rhodes and Ronnie Miller.

Aug 28, 1997

Calling today for Homer W. Dunkley

Homer W. Dunkley, 79, of 2005 Maple Lane, died Tuesday at Theda Clark Hospital in Neenah, Wisc.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 10 a.m. with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be given to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Mr. Dunkley was born Dec. 15, 1917, in Mayville, Wisc., to Rev. Frank B. and Grace (Keech) Dunkley. His mother survives in Waupaca, Wisc. He and Evelyn Fieldstad were married on May 23, 1942. She survives. He was a truck driver with Helm Trucking in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1982. He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the teamster's Retired Club.

Surviving with his wife and mother are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jim Rahrig of Garrett and Karen and Ed Matthias of Arnold, Md.; a twin brother, Horace Dunkley of Waupaca, Wisc.; three granddaughters, Sara Shelton of Hamilton, Ohio, Janell Martin of Waterloo and Kristiane Matthias of Arnold, Md.; and two grandsons, Joel Rahrig and Jeremy Rahrig, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a sister, June Lierman.

Aug 28, 1997

Services held Friday for Joseph Smith, 50

Joseph A. Smith, 50, of Luverne, Minn., died Monday, Aug. 18, at 4 p.m. at University Hospital in Minneapolis during surgery for a liver transplant. His death was caused from complications to exposure to Agent Orange during service in Viet Nam. He is a former Garrett resident and the son of Walter "Bud" and Bette Smith of Garrett.

Services were held Friday, Aug. 22, at the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne with Rev. Sarah Hagena officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Primgar, Iowa. Holm-Dingmann Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Smith was born Sept. 17, 1946, in Garrett. He and Vicki Crouch were married in June of 1980 in Brownsville, Tex. She survives. He served with the US Army in Germany and Viet Nam.

Surviving with his wife and parents are two sons, Joseph Smith Jr., of Luverne and William Smith of Houston, Tex.; three daughters, Kathy Jung of Stafford, Tex., Sandra Binder of Linn Grove, Iowa, and Jennifer Oden of Luverne; two brothers, Fred Smith of Garrett and Patrick Smith of Grabill; two sisters, Susan Burtch of Midland, Mich., and Martha Troutner of Fort Wayne; and five grandchildren.

Aug 28, 1997

Services conducted for Raymond Harger

Raymond J. Harger, 85, of Hamilton died Sunday at his home.

Services were held Wednesday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church with Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Oberlin & Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

Mr. Harger was born Oct. 13, 1911, in Hamilton. His parents were James E. and Daisy (Earlston) Harger. He and Eileen McBride were married May 2, 1936, in Garrett. She survives. He was a retired farmer and member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Maclyn and Mary Harger of Butler and Richard and Chris Harger of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Jerry Houlton of Angola, and Marilyn and Frank Presley of Hamilton; two sisters, Georgia Westfall of Garrett and Doris Lechleidner of Butler; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Aug 28, 1997

Calling Friday for Clarice Kuckuck

Clarice V. Kuckuck, 97, died Monday at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with James E. Myers, chaplain of Golden Years Homestead, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the First Church of Christ in Garrett or Golden Years Homestead Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kuckuck was born May 14, 1900, in Monticello, Ill. Her parents were William H. and Amy Lu (Parry) Lux. She and Harold W. Kickuck were married Aug. 25, 1927, in DeKalb County. He preceded her in death on July 9, 1969. She was a homemaker and a member of North American Benefit Association.

Survivors include one son, David Kuckuck of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Joyce M. Kuckuck of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ernest O. Kuckuck, and one brother, Cecil P. Lux.

Aug 28, 1997

Services held for Albert A. Schueler

Albert A. Schueler, 93, of Fort Wayne, died Aug.22 at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Fort Wayne, with Msgr. William Lester officiating. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Anne Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schueler was born June 8, 1904, in Mulheim A/Main, Germany. His parents were Peter and Margaret (Kaiser) Schueler. He was married in Germany on Aug. 21, 1927, to Anna Marie, who preceded him in death in 1991. He retired in 1969 after 19 years of service as a supervisor at Garrett Flexible Products. He also was owner of Albert Schueler, Inc., and was a pre-World War II veteran of the German Army.

Survivors include six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Sept 2, 1997

Calling today for Lura Kogin, 79

Lura Catherine Kogin, 79, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1329 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Kogin was a homemaker and had lived in Fort Wayne since 1951. Her husband, Denver Paul, preceded her in death in 1993.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Lonsbury of Huntertown and Cathy Thorne of Avilla; three sons, Fredric of Hoquiam, Wash., Rex of Fort Wayne and Thomas of Garrett; three sisters, Clarice Branstator of Angola, and Grace Ridenour and Vera Hunn, both of South Bend; 17 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Sept 2, 1997

Services held for Robert Dubois, 44

Robert Dubois, 44, of Albion, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka.

Services were held Saturday at Brazzell funeral Home, Albion. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Corvilla Inc., 211 West Monroe Street, South Bend, IN 46601.

Survivors include his mother, Betty L. DeLong of Albion; two sisters, Kim Antrup of Auburn and Mary Wade of Kendallville; three brothers, Larry of Garrett, Gary of Butler and Billy of Trion, Fa.; four stepsisters and one stepbrother.

Sept 2, 1997

Services today for Walter W. Klinger

Walter W. Klinger, 78, of Avilla, died Saturday at 5:20 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Health Care.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Garrett Church of the Nazarene with Dr. William N. Hodge and Rev. Russell Shalley officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church.

Mr. Klinger was born March 10, 1919, in Churubusco. His parents were William and Blanche (Christlieb) Klinger. He and Marie V. Pfleidner were married March 1, 1947, in Churubusco. She survives. Mr. Klinger was a farmer for 54 years and worked for Skelgas for 16 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene, and a member of the "Work and Witness Mission," building homes and churches in Brazil, Barbados, Mexico, Africa, Venezuela, Jordan, Mamaica and Puerto Rico.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Beverly Foreman of Bluffton and Carolyn Parker of Kendallville; one son, Rev. Gary Klinger of Anderson; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three brothers, Jesse of St. Joe, Norman of Fort Wayne, and Delphus of Garrett; and three sisters, Theo Clouse of Hudson, Barbara Stoner of Columbia City and Joan Slater of Leo.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Florence Klinger and Ellen Savoie, and one grandson, Brad Parker.

Sept 4, 1997

Calling Friday for Franklin Gorman Jr.

Franklin C. "Skip" Gorman, Jr., died Wednesday at 12:21 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

The family requests preferred memorials to Mooseheart.

Mr. Gorman was born Aug. 29, 1934, in Mt. Greenwood, Ill. His parents were Franklin C. Sr. and Irene (Johnson) Gorman. He and Peg Michaels were married Nov. 11, 1994. She survives. He retired in 1996 after 42 years as an engineer on the CSX Railroad. He was an U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the Angola Moose Lodge and Garrett Elks Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, David of Fremont, Matt and Tim of Auburn, and Todd of Angola; one sister, Marjorie Mayer of Fremont and six grandchildren.

Sept 4, 1997

Services Saturday for Ford Lung, 78

Ford R. Lung, 78, of 405 West Edgerton Street, died Tuesday at 10:05 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home on Friday from 2-8 p.m. Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Graveside military services will be conducted by the Garrett American Legion at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph Church or St. Joseph School.

Mr. Lung was born April 11, 1919, in Beulah, Mich. His parents were Robert and Goldie (Wert) Lung. He and Margaret Muzzillo were married April 21, 1945, in Garrett. She survives. He was a freight conductor for the B & O and CSX Railroads for 45 years, retiring in 1984. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and the United Transportation Union, and was a WW II Army Veteran.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Robert Lung of Auburn and Gerald Lung of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Tina Baker of Charlotte, N.C.; four grandchildren; one brother, Lawrence Lung of Angola; three sisters, Bessie Clark of Bosie, Idaho, Elizabeth Griffin of Garrett and Joyce Stahl of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Leo, Homer, Wesley and Henry Lung, and one sister, Minnie Frederickson.

Sept 4, 1997

Services Friday for Clarence Starner, 89

Clarence B. "Zeb" Starner, 89, of Garrett, died Wednesday at 2:20 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. today at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Wayne Smith and Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Lakewood Park Baptist Church television ministry.

Mr. Starner was born Nov. 8, 1907, in Garrett. His parents were Burl A. and Louise (Kaiser) Starner. He and Ruth Cripe were married July 17, 1931, in the Baptist parsonage in Garrett in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Donald Dunkin. Mrs. Starner survives.

Mr. Starner retired from Frazier Farm Equipment in Auburn. He was a former employee of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Co. and was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife is a sister, Beverly Pierce, of Battle Creek, Mich.

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Services Friday for Lawrence Place, 68

Lawrence R. "Larry" Place, 68, formerly of Holiday Lakes, south of Garrett, died Saturday at the VA Northern Indiana Healthcare System.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home, 2221 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne. Masonic services will be held at 7:30 p.m. this evening. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Place was born in Houston. He retired as a superintendent at Don R. Fruchey Inc., in 1969 with 22 years of service. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include a son, Leslie Place of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Mary Louise Slusher, Barbara Lois Place and Laura Lynn Place, all of Fort Wayne; a halfbrother, Russell Wayne Bass of Texas, and four grandchildren.

Sept 4, 1997

Services today for Helen Kees, 81

Helen L. (Love) Kees, 81, of Woodburn, died Monday at Martin Lutheran Memorial Home in South Haven, Mich.

Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Harlan United Methodist Church, with calling from 11 a.m. until services at the church. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County.

The family has requested preferred memorials to South Haven Area Hospice, South Haven, Mich., or to the donor's choice.

D.L. Miller Funeral Home, Bloomingdale, Mich., was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kees was born in New Haven and had lived in Woodburn for more than 50 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marion D., in 1996.

Survivors include three daughters, Shirley Stafford of Fort Wayne, Madalean Stevens of Flin Flon, Manitoba and Sue Manning of Bloomingdale, Mich.; a son, Darrell Kees of Garrett; three brothers, Jerry Love, Roger Love and Bob Love, all of Indiana; three sisters, Patricia Castle, Gloria Lothamer and Wilma Clark, all of Indiana; seven grandchildren; a stepgranddaughter; six great-grandchildren; a step-great-grandson; and her caregiver, Judi Hadley of Bangor, Mich.

Sept. 8, 1997

Services Tuesday for Virginia L. Duprey

Virginia L. Duprey, 85, of Garrett, died Saturday at 8:36 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery. There is no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Duprey was born April 13, 1912, in Garrett. Her parents were Lee and Irene (Kennedy), LaVergne. She was a homemaker. Her husband, Leo Duprey, preceded her in death.

Survivors include four nieces. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Geneva Gaskill and Lillian Ruhland.

Sept. 8, 1997

Services conducted for Jack Thomas, 21

Jack A. Thomas, 21, of Garrett, died last Monday at 5:05 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were conducted last Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Rev. Dick Faucett officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

The family has requested preferred memorials to his son, Austin M. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was born Nov. 16, 1975, in Kendallville, to Arthur Wayne and Patricia (Austin) Thomas. His father survives in Michigan City. He had been with the Army National Guard for five months and was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

Surviving with his father and son, Austin, of Garrett, are his wife, Kristina L. of Garrett; a sister, Sandra Marie Thomas of Fort Wayne; and his foster parents, Mike Stahl and Carolyn Imparato.

Sept 11, 1997

Services today for Agnes M. Emmons

Agnes M. Emmons, 92, of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons, Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne. Rev. Mark Clevenger will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Cancer Services of Allen County.

Mrs. Emmons was born Nov. 26, 1904, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were William G. and Esther (Screen) Miller. She worked for 11 years at Morrill Motors and retired in 1969. Her husband, Paul G., preceded her in death in 1969. She was a member of Eastern Star.

Survivors include one son, Eugene G. Haines of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Sept 11, 1997

Services today for Carol Winebrenner

Carl "Skip" Winebrenner, 59, of Auburn, died Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Mr. Winebrenner, was born Dec. 22, 1937, in Auburn. His parents were Orvie and Ruth (Malone) Winebrenner. He was retired from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, and was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Survivors include two sons, Scott of Garrett and Alan of Auburn; one daughter, Adina Houser of Auburn, and their mother, Mary Ellen Muzzillo of Auburn; four brothers, Ross of Ashley, Jack of Auburn, Harold of Pine, Ariz., and Robert of Merced, Calif.; five sisters, Esther Pfeifer of Lawrenceberg, Tenn., Betty Kimmel of Fort Wayne, Dorothy Acker of Wolcottville, Helen Dennison of Auburn and Carol German of Decatur, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Josephine Acker, Edith Days, and Violet May.

Sept 11, 1997

Services to be held Friday for Otto Biddle

Otto G. Biddle, 90, of Auburn, died Monday at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Albion.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Mr. Biddle was born April 26, 1907, in Green Township, Noble County. His parents were Otto F. and Amanda Leitch (Brown) Biddle. He and Martha A. Bowman were married Feb. 22, 1927, in Noble County. She preceded him in death on Jan. 18, 1988. He retired in 1975 from Cole Foundry in Fort Wayne. Mr. Biddle was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include one son, Robert of Garrett; five daughters, Eileen (Mrs. Arthur) Cobbs of Auburn, June (Mrs. Robert) Fisher and Deloris (Mrs. Edwin) Houck, both of LaGrange, Doris (Mrs. James) Trowbridge of Fort Wayne, and Sherry (Mrs. Lyle) Holman of Butler; one sister, Avis Dickey of Kendallville; 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gerald Leo; one grandson, Ricky Trowbridge; one brother, Leo Brown; and three sisters, Bonnie Biddle Ford, Marceille Rowe, and Winona Bell.

Sept 15, 1997

Calling Tuesday for Clara M. Pence, 94

Clara M. Pence, 94, of Garrett died Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday at 10 a.m. withLloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Community Center.

Mrs. Pence was born July 26, 1903, in South Milford. Her parents were Ed and Ettie (Brand) Wells. She and Alton Pence were married Jan. 1, 1936, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on March 17, 1995. Mrs. Pence worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for four years, at the City Cafe as a cook for 20 years and at Rutter's Cafe in Auburn for three years before retiring in 1970. She attended the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Roberts of Garrett and Linda DePew of Waterloo; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Oscar Wells of Angola and Cecil Wells of Corunna; and one sister, Ruth Curtland of Nevada Mills.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Harold Replogle and Virgil Ebey Jr.

Sept 15, 1997

Calling Friday for Anna M. Sarpa, 89

Anna M. Sarpa, 89, formerly of Garrett, died Saturday at Delmar Garden Nursing Home in St. Louis, Mo.

Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Rosary services will be held at the funeral home at 4 p.m. Friday. Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Calling will also be one hour before the services at the church on Saturday. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph Church for Masses.

Mrs. Sarpa was born Sept. 27, 1907, in Garrett. Her parents were Frank and Lena (Kobi) Salerno. She and John Sarpa were married Feb. 10, 1923, in Hillsdale, Mich. He preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 1962. Mrs. Sarpa was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rosary Society and Harvest House. She was a homemaker and worked at Electric Motors as a winder.

Survivors include two sons, John Sarpa of San Clemente, Calif., and Frank Sarpa of Tinley Park, Ill.; one daughter, Mary Ann Sitarski of St. Louis, Mo.; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Nickolas Sarpa.

Sept 15, 1997

Services held for Edna Clevenger

Edna L. Clevenger, 74, of Garrett, died Tuesday at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Services were held Friday at D.O. McComp & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Rev. Mark Clevenger officiating. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Cancer Society of Allen County or the American Heart Association.

Mrs. Clevenger was born June 15, 1923, in Parker. Her parents were Dolan H. and Clara (Taylor) Price. She was a retired sales clerk from Haffner's Dime Store.

Survivors include two sons, Kathe Delacruz and Sara J. Jones, both of Garrett; two sons, Gary W. Clevenger of Indiana and Tim L. Clevenger of Auburn; one sister, Margaret Gallets of Portland; one brother, Robert Price of Auburen; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Sept 18, 1997

Services held Monday for Amos Randol, 66

Amos N. Randol, 66, of Hamilton Lake, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Monday at the Oberlin Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton with Dave Payne officiating. Burial was in Hamilton Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Hamilton Church of Christ or the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Randol was born Oct. 11, 1930, in LaGrange County. His parents were George and Mary (Leguire) Randol. He and Dolores Lechleidner were married June 17, 1950. She survives. He was employed at Charleston Metal in Waterloo as a machinist. He formerly was a member of the Moose Lodge in Auburn and the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Bruce Button of Hamilton; one daughter Mrs. Dan (Pat) Dillon of Edon, Ohio; one brother, Raymond Randol of Garrett; two sisters, Nancy Frain of Auburn and Mrs. Paul (Kathryn) Swonger of Garrett; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

One son, Stanley Button, preceded him in death.

The Garrett Clipper

Sept 22, 1997

Services conducted for Lester Davis, 87

Lester R. Davis, 87, of 309 South Johnson Street, died Thursday at 10:38 p.m. at Laurels of DeKalb.

Services were conducted Sunday at the Garrett United Methodist Church with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Boy Scout Troop 167.

Mr. Davis was born Oct. 8, 1909, in Auburn. His parents were William C. and LuEda (Shipman) Davis. He and Mercedes Fenstermaker were marred Dec. 16, 1944, in Auburn. She survives. He was a machinist at Hubbard Spool in Garrett for 24 years, retiring in 1975. He was the custodian at the Garrett United Methodist Church for 25 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Dennis Davis of Garrett and Randall Davis of Bardstown, Ky.; two daughters, Annetta Matthews of Garrett and Lori Davis of Bridgeville, Pa.; two sisters, Gladys Nahrwold and Violet Double, both of Auburn; three grandsons, Chad Davis of Garrett, Brad Davis of Anchorage, Alaska, and Ryan Matthews of Garrett; three granddaughters, Jennifer Davis of Garrett, Amy Davis of Eastern Kentucky University and Renna Matthews of Chicago, Ill.; and one great-grandson, Bo Davis of Garrett. He was preceded by one brother, Phillip Earl Davis. 99

Sept 25, 1997

Services Friday for Forest Trenary, 74

Forest D. Trenary, 74, of Butler, died Wednesday at 12:12 a.m. at his home.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. the funeral home with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

The family has requested preferred memorials to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or DeKalb Memorial Home Health.

Mr. Trenary was born July 12, 1923, in Quincy, Mich. His parents were Brooks and Mary (Witt) Trenary. He and Emma Williams were married on June 15, 1946. She survives. He was a self-employed farmer.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, DeWayne A., Jerry E. and Clyde M., all of Butler; two daughters, Diana J. McCool of Hamilton and Shirley M. Armstrong of Lambertville, Mich.; seven sisters, Doris Matherly of Elkhart, Joan Cook of Strathroy, Ontario, Canada, Audrie Walter of South Milford, Opal Mason of St. Joe, Ruth Fetters of Wolcottville, Alice Yarde of Garrett and Mary Lou Baughman of Butler; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald, Floyd and Max.

Sept 25, 1997

Services held for Charles Bry, 82

Charles A. Bry, 82, of Auburn, died Sunday at 5:50 p.m.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial was in Wright Cemetery, Helmer.

The family has requested preferred memorials to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. Bry was born Dec. 22, 1914, in Whiting. His parents were Edward and Louise (Palmer) Bry. He worked for Holben Body Shop and then Dailey Motors, both in Auburn, before retiring in 1981. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Bry was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, where he served as a past district governor; Auburn American Legion Post 97, and the Waterloo VFW Post.

Survivors include one son, David Friedel of Chicago; two daughters, Sharon Friedel Mansfield of Garrett and Judith Bry Stevenson of Warsaw; one stepson, Larry Betz of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Connie Betz Davis of Auburn; one brother, Clarence Sam Bry of Auburn; four sisters, Virginia Finley and Bess Hornet, both of Auburn, and Helen Kaiser and Mildred Shoudel, both of Butler; seven grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

One brother, Edward, preceded him in death.

Sept 25, 1997

Services conducted for Sierra Montoya

Sierra Esperanza Montoya, 52 days old, died of natural causes Sunday at 7:12 a.m. at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Services were conducted Monday at Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Thomas Wilson officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Sierra was born July 31, 1997, in Fort Wayne, to Octavio Montoya and Dawn Reinoehl of Angola.

Surviving with the parents are a sister, Liberty Dawnn Reinoehl at home; maternal grandparents, Roger and Pam Reinoehl of Garrett and Octavio and Karen Montoya of Angola; great-grandmothers, Mary Vincent of Garrett, Susie Reinoehl of Butler, Priciliana Montoya of Mexico, and Georgetta Cable of Angola; and great-great-grandmothers, Hazel Norden of Ashley, Elsie Miller of Elkhart, and Wynona Reese of Garrett.

Sept 25, 1997

Calling today for Helen Wade, 84

Helen Edith Wade, 84, formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday at 12:35 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Friday with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Mrs. Wade was born Jan. 12, 1913, in Lawshe, Ohio. Her parents were Milton E. and Katie D. (Lovette) Storer. She and George E. Wade were married May 20, 1932, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1993. She was a sales clerk for 10 years at L.S. Ayres in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Survivors include one son, George M. "Pete" Wade of Angola; three daughters, Gwynn Harris of Garrett, Karen Hathaway of South Whitley and Michelle "Mick" Shafer of Omaha, Neb.; one brother, Wayne "Pete" Storer of St. Joe; one sister, Beatrice Laub of Butler; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Bobbie Squires and Hazel Simanton, and two grandchildren.

Sept 29, 1997

Services held Friday for Odell Renfrow

Odell Renfrow, 71, of Spencerville, died Tuesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were conducted Friday at Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Pastor Wayne Smith officiating.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Heart Association.

Mr. Renfrow was born July 15, 1926, in Brooklyn, Ky. His parents were Kurt and Barbara Ethel (Henderson) Renfrow. He and Barbara Goings were married Dec. 7, 1946, in Fort Wayne. She survives. He was retired from Wabash and Norfolk & Southern Railroads, where he worked 33 years. He was a member of the Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Surviving with his wife are seven daughters, Sandra Renfrow and Jannie Renfrow, both of Spencerville, Kathy Maldeney and Janice Strachan, both of Auburn, Margaret Amstutz of Waterloo, Minnie Dady of Butler and Julie Shaffer of Garrett; five sons, Lynn of Waterloo, Loyed of Fort Wayne, Allen of Harlan, David of New Haven and Terry of St. Joe; two brothers, Olon C. of Mayo, Fla., and Demar of Auburn; 24 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Rosco, and three sisters, Stella Mee, Flossie Embry and Agnes Lee.

Sept 29, 1997

Memorial service held for Margaret Carroll

A memorial service for Margaret Mountz Carroll, a Garrett native, was held in Terre Haute at the Centenary United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert Ochsenrider officiating on Sept. 10th.

Mrs. Carroll died Aug. 18 at the Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola. At that time she had been staying at the family's cottage on Lake James.

Graveside services were held on Aug. 21st in Mount Zion Cemetery near Pleasant Lake with the Rev. Glenda Woodcox of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church officiating.

Mrs. Carroll was born March 8, 1900, in Garrett, to Howard Wesley and Mary Savilla (Teeters) Mountz. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Charles Carroll, also a native of Garrett, who was the former Superintendent of Schools in Garrett. The family moved to Terre Haute in 1925 where he became the Superintendent of Schools there. Later he became the Senior Vice-president of the Merchant's National Bank. He died in 1981.

Margaret Carroll was a graduate of Garrett High School and of Northwestern University where she was a member of Chi Omega Sorority.

For 48 years she was a member of the Union Hospital Board of Directors and also a member of the Union Hospital's Women's Service League. She served on the Board of Directors of both the Sarah Dowling Home and the Women's Society of the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra.

She was a charter member of the Swope Art Alliance, the past president of the Women's Department Club, and the past president of the League of Terre Haute. She was an active member of Tri Kappa Sorority in Garrett and in Terre Haute, and was the originator and the leader of the sorority's state project, "Save The Children" during the years of World War II. During those was years she also was a Red Cross nurses aide and did service at Camp Atterbury. She was a Girl Scout troop leader and a member of the Vigo County Girl Scout Board. She was instrumental in the founding of the Chi Omega Sorority chapter at Indiana State University.

As a genealogist she enjoyed her memberships in the Daughter of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, First Families of Ohio, Magna Charta Dames. She was a member of the Portfolio Club and of the Country Club of Terre Haute.

She was an active and contributing member of the United Methodist Church, both in Garrett and in Terre Haute.

Survivors include her daughters, Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert) Shearer of Gates Mill, Chesterland, Ohio, and Dr. Mary Ann Carroll of Terre Haute, who recently retired as Dean of the Graduate School at Indiana State University and now is Assistant to the President and Director of Governmental Affairs at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Peter Mountz of Garrett is a nephew of Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. George Mountz is a sister-in-law.

Sept 29, 1997

Services to be today for Helen Robbins

Helen Robbins, 74, of Garrett died Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at her home.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. today at the Garrett Church of the Nazarene with Dr. William Hodge officiating. Calling will be one hour before the services at the church. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Robbins was born Nov. 18, 1922, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Her parents were George and Mary (Czinder) Koder. She and Norman M. Robbins were married Jan. 16, 1943. He survives. She retired from Wayne Candies in 1966. Mrs. Robbins was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Carol Smith of Garrett and Jacqueline Partin of Fort Wayne; one son, Daniel Robbins of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Margaret Lemish of Fort Wayne, Rose Gentile of New Haven and Frances Jones of Clearmont, Fla.; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Oct 2, 1997

Calling Friday for Karen Shafer, 49

Karen A. Shafer, 49, of 111 North Randolph Street, died Tuesday at 12:32 a.m. at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Saturday with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Mrs. Shafer was born Jan. 28, 1948, in Auburn. Her parents were Maurice and Eilene (Gaff) Myers. She and Dave Shafer were married Oct. 20, 1978. He survives. She was a housewife.

Surviving with her husband are one son, Michael Steward of Kendallville; one daughter, Kim Clair of Crestline, Ohio; one step-daughter, Sonja McCrory of Garrett; two stepsons, Chris Shafer and Kirby Shafer, both of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

Oct 2, 1997

Calling today for Albert Rowe, 74

Albert E. Rowe, 74, of Angola, died Saturday at the home of his son in Albion.

Friends may call from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Alan Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Rowe was born Feb. 27, 1923, in DeKalb County. His parents were Levi and Mary (Bash) Rowe. He retired in 1988 from Auburn Foundry after 39 years.

Survivors include two sons, Albert Gene Rowe of Angola and John A Rowe, Sr., of Albion; two daughters, Maryann Warner of Waterloo and Ethel Jennings of Columbus, Ohio; a stepson, Robert Borton Boyle of Coldwater, Mich.; three stepdaughters, Patsy Jean Leland of Garrett, Sharon Kay Dean of Green Bay, Wisc., and Rose Mary Hanauer of Fremont; two sisters, Marie Schwartz of Angola and Effie Peckhart of Hudson; 15 grandchildren and 10 stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two brothers, Ralph and Forrest Rowe, and two sisters, Ellen DeWitt and Dellie Traster.

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Oct 2, 1997

Calling today for Richard M. Tarlton

Richard M. Tarlton, 69, of Kendallville, died Tuesday at 12:53 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery with graveside military services by the Garrett American Legion.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Tarlton was born May 8, 1928, in Garrett. His parents were Lester and Florence (McQuary) Tarlton. He and Haley Vanderpool were married Feb. 19, 1972, in South Milford. She survives. He worked as a mechanic and building maintenance for the Indiana State Highway Department for 18 years, retiring in 1990. He was a US Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Tarlton was a member of the Garrett Eagles and Sturgis, Mich., VFW.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Richard Alan Tarlton of Lenora, Tenn., Anthony Tarlton of Bourbon, and Robert Tarlton of Mishawaka; one daughter, Laura Jane Metcalf of Lenora, Tenn.; a stepdaughter, Ruth Woehnker of Corunna; two stepsons, Marvin Creager of Avilla and David Creager of Auburn; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchild; one brother, Calvin Lee Tarlton of Garrett; and two sisters, Marge Shirley of Waterloo and Annamae Kresse of Howe.

Oct 2 1997

Graveside services held for Sy Stahl

Sy F. Stahl, 60, of Corunna, died Saturday, Sept. 27, at 2:12 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Corunna Cemetery with Pastor Tim Stiller officiating. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Stahl was born Nov. 27, 1936, in Kendallville. His parents were Orville and Imo (Casselman) Stahl. He was a truck driver for Sycamore Pallets.

Survivors include his wife, Linda M., two sons, Tim Stahl of Coldwater, Mich., and Jeff Stahl of Corunna; three daughters, Debbie Stahl of Vallejo, Calif., Corrine Bender of Coldwater, Mich., and Sue Mosley of Corunna; two brothers, Orville Stahl of Las Vegas, Nev., and Don Stahl of Kendallville; one sister, Sally Chandler of Marcellus, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one grandchild.

Oct 9, 1997

Services Friday for George McNutt

George A. McNutt, 78, of Auburn, died Monday at 3:46 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the funeral home with Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Disabled American Veterans or the Indian Village Church of God.

Mr. McNutt was born Dec. 16, 1918, in Litchfield, Mich. His parents were Lemon H. and Mary S. (Sponhower) McNutt. He and Mary E. Rice were married June 3, 1939, in Auburn. She survives. He retired in 1981 after 15 years with Northern Indiana Fuel & Light Co., Auburn. Mr. McNutt was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the Indian Village Church of God and a life member of Disabled American Veterans.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Donna J. Shoda of Auburn; one son, Jerry L. of Nacogdoches, Tex.; one daughter-in-law, Janet McNutt of Elkhart; two brothers, William McNutt of Garrett and Earl D. McNutt of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Vada J. Starr of Plymouth, Mich., and Marna Rose Deventer of Hamilton; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Don E., preceded him in death.

Oct 9, 1997

Calling today for Bonnie Miller, 83

Bonnie B. Miller, 83, of 1310 West Quincy Street, died Monday afternoon at Lutheran Medical Center, Wheat Ridge, Colo.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemtery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Mrs. Miller was born Oct. 9, 1913, in Garrett. Her parents were Frank and Dora (Doane) Miller. She worked in production at Garrett Flexible Products for 30 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Doris Cooksey of Bailey, Colo.; two brothers, Wayne "Jack" Miller of Garrett and Forrest Miller of Reno, Nev.; one sister, Bernice McGuire of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Virginia Muzzillo.

Oct 9, 1997

Services held for Mary Lou LaTurner

Mary Lou LaTurner, 50, of rural Auburn, died Friday at 8:35 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. Donovan A. Coley, pastor of St. Andrew Evangelical Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Mr. LaTurner was born July 15, 1947, in Anderson. Her parents were Howard and Jacqueline (Davis) Glass. She and Daniel C. LaTurner were married on Jan. 25, 1969, in Anderson. He survives. She was a registered nurse and an occupational health nurse at McCray Hsopital in Kendallville. She formerly was the company nurse for Magnavox in Garrett and Auburn. Mrs. LaTurner was a 1968 graduate of Parkview School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. LaTurner was a member of the Auburn Ladies of the Moose and Indiana Occupational Health Nurse Association, and was a board member of the Northeast Indiana Occupational Health Nurse Association.

Survivors include two sons, Andrew W. and Brett D., both of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Angie Smith of Garrett and Melba Hauge of Houston, Tex.; and three borthers-in-law, Scott D. LaTurner and Chuck A. LaTurner, both of Garrett, and Sam LaTurner of Avilla.

Oct 13, 1997

Wife of John Bollan dies in Arizona

Word has been received that Edna Bollan, wife of John A. Bollan of Sierra Vista, Ariz., died at 1 a.m. on Oct. 8th.

John lived in Garrett many years and graduated from Garrett High School with the Class of 1940. He was employed by D.L. Haffner Stores and the B & O Railroad prior to serving in the Navy in World War II. John served under General MacArthur in South Pacific landings.

John's address is: 2451 Southridge, Sierra Vista, AZ °5635.

Oct 13, 1997

Services held for Edith M. Freeman

Edith M. Freeman, 91, of LaOtto, died Sunday, Oct. 5, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services were held Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Ari Church of God, near Churubusco. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Huntertown. Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, was in charge of arrangements.

The family requested preferred memorials to the Ari Church of God.

Mrs. Freeman was born March 3, 1906, near Churubusco. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Freeman and Charles A. Freeman were were married March 9, 1926. He preceded her in death in 1984.

Survivors include three daughters, Joyce Hand of Roanoke, Sharon Myjak of Wyoming, Mich., and Jean Wappes of Garrett; two sons, Harold R. Freeman of Phoenix and James A. Freeman of Albion; a brother, Orval Harrold of Columbia City; 22 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy Myjak, and a son, Walter Lee Freeman.

Oct 16, 1997

Services held for Mabel Wherry, 87

Mabel Wherry, 87, of Coesse, died at 11:01 a.m. Friday at Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

Services were held Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Rev. Lucinda Hamilton officiating. Burial was in Union Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Coesse United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Wherry was born Feb. 6, 1910, in Whitley County. Her parents were William Alfred and Ethel Marie Benhour Hickman. Most of her lifetime was spent in Coesse, where she graduated from Coesse High School. She was employed at Wayne Knitting Mills in Fort Wayne. Later she was a cook at Coesse School for several years. She and Harold Barkley Wherry were married Nov. 19, 1932. He preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 1968. She was a member of Coesse United Methodist Church, W.S.C.S., Union Township Home Demonstration Club and Order of the Eastern Star #65.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Betty) Walker of Columbia City; a son, Richard Paul Wherry of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Terry L. Wherry, Lori S. Bruno, Gregory K. Walker, Susan C. Wood, Douglas K. Walker, Theresa L. Bowers, Tonya M. Burk and Anita M. Singleton; 21 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Marge Gradeless of Buchanan, Mich., Bonnie Walker of Markle, Marilyn Hunt of Citrus Springs, Fla., Patricia Duff of Adrian, Mich., and Norma Engle of Citrus Springs, Fla.; and a special friend, Fred Slater of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phillip A. Wherry; two brothers, LeRoy Hickman and Earl Hickman; and two sisters, Olaf Gordon and Helen Hickman.

Oct 16, 1997

Services Friday for Ruthella Shull, 73

Ruthella Iona Shull, 73, of Auburn, died Tuesday at 4:40 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Friends may call today from 4-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home and one hour before services, which will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. Rev. Herbert Schumm will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church.

Ms. Shull was born Dec. 3, 1924, in Hanford, Wash. Her parents were James and Hulda (Duchow) Shull. She was a homemaker.

Surviviors include one sister, Berniece Robinson; a half-sister in New Mexico; and a half-brother, Alva Crabill of Butler.

She was preceded in death by a brother, two half-brothers and a half-sister.

Oct 20, 1997

Private services set for Richard Johnson

Richard W. Johnson, 75, Auburn, died Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Private services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Shriners Children's Hospitals.

Mr. Johnson was born Feb. 3, 1922, in Auburn. His parents were Walter and Freda S. (Vollmerding) Johnson. He owned and operated Johnson Oil Co. in Auburn from 1946 to 1977 and worked part-time for Revco Pharmacy and Culligan Soft Water, both in Auburn. He was a 1940 graduate of Auburn High School and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, serving with the 30th Division Infantry in the European Theater.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Masonic Lodge, both in Auburn, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Shrine and the Cedar Creek Shrine Club. Mr. Johnson was a member and past commander of Auburn American Legion Post 97, and was a member of the Waterloo VFW.

Survivors include one son, Walter of Auburn; two daughters, Sharon K. Feingold of Jacksonville, Fla., and Sandra Elaine Albert of Garrett; two sisters, Mildred Lemper and Dorothy Kuhlman, both of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Andrea and Kellie Feingold.

Oct 20, 1997

Services conducted for Rodney Diehl, 40

Rodney J. Diehl, 40, of North Pointe Mobile Home Park, Garrett, died Thursday at 3:30 a.m. at his home.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial was in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

The family has requested preferred memorials to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Mr. Diehl was born Oct. 30, 1956, in Angola. His parents are Vernon and Marilyn (Siebern) Diehl of Corunna. He was a self-employed mechanic and a member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

Surviving with his parents are three brothers, Roger of Kendallville, Ralph of Ashley and Mark of Albion; one sister, Rosanne Renteria of Fort Wayne; and his fiancée, Bea Buchs.

Oct 20, 1997

Services held for Vida McAllister, 88

Vida O. McAllister, 88, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday at 9:05 p.m. at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility, Coldwater.

Services were Sunday at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Coldwater with Pastor David Gotshall officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Knauss Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the New Hope Alzheimer's Center at Maple Lawn Medical Facility, Coldwater.

Mrs. McAllister was born Feb. 23, 1909, in Callahan, Tex. Her parents were Will and Dora (Vest) Brooks. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orum, on Aug. 16, 1994.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis and Monica McAllister of Garrett and Joseph and Annetta McAllister of Coldwater; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three foster children, Richard Tillitson, Roger Tillitson and Diana McKinley, all of Coldwater; one stepbrother and one stepsister, both of Spur, Tex. She was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters, one stepbrother and one stepsister.

Oct 20, 1997

Services held Friday for Virginia Parsons

Virginia Pearl Schall Parsons, 79, of Hamilton died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services were held Friday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church with Rev. Edwin Clark officiating. Burial was in the Hamilton Cemetery. Oberline-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the church or the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Mrs. Parsons was born Aug. 21, 1918, in Metz. Her parents were Leola Mae (Adair) and William Ford Zimmerman. She and Marvin Leroy Schall were married on Oct. 28, 1936. He preceded her in death in 1969. She then married Robert Ray Parsons on April 25, 1983, in Lake Tahoe, Nev. He preceded her in death in 1988.

Mrs. Parsons was the owner of Schall's Lakeside Market and then worked at Sutton's Market. She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Hamilton Fish & Game Club, and the American Legion Post 97 Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include one sons, Phillip Schall of Trafalgar; one daughter, Cheryl (Mrs. David) Garrett of Garrett; one brother, Darrell Zimmerman of Pontiac, Mich.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Hershel Zimmerman.

Oct 20, 1997

Services conducted for Louis Hyde, 58

Louis V. Hyde, 58, of Kendallville, died Thursday at 1:15 p.m. at his home.

Services were held Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Carter and Rev. Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial was in Brushy Prairie Cemetery, LaGrange County.

Mr. Hyde was born June 11, 1939, in Harriman, Tenn. His parents were Henry and Bertha (Phillips) Hyde. He and Bonnie L. Bolen were married March 23, 1991, in LaGrange County. She survives. He was employed at Newnam Fountry since August 1977 and was a member of Gospel Lighthouse, Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Alethea "Sue" Lambert of Indianapolis and LeaAnn Smith of Garrett; a son, Louis D. Hyde of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Abigail Lynn Hicks of Kendallville and Deborah Sharp of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Willie McKinney of Harriman and Juanita Combs of Garrett; two brothers, Clarence Cook and Virgil Hyde, both of Harriman and six grandchildren.

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Services held for Louis Lindemann

Louis C. "Skip" Lindemann, 54, of Garrett, died Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

The family requests preferred memorials a charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. Lindemann was born March 4, 1943, in Chicago to Louis and Effie (Wenham) Lindemann. He and Lana Smith were married March 14, 1964, in Kendallville. She survives. The Lindemanns had lived in Garrett since July, moving here from Huntertown. He was formerly of Elkhart. Mr. Lindemann was employed as a millworker for R.M. Wieland in Grabill. He was a U.S. Marine veteran of the Vietnam War.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Todd Lindemann of Grabill and Brock Lindemann of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Janet Dorrier of Lanark Village, Fla.; and three grandchildren, Stephanie Lindemann of Littleton, Colo., and Laurren Lindemann and Eric Lindemann, both of Manasses, Va.

Oct 23, 1997

Services held for Blanch Nodine, 78

Blanch B. Nodine, 78, of 112 North Taylor Road, died Wednesday, Oct. 15, at her home.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Christian Union Cemetery with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Nodine was born Oct. 23, 1918, in Rome City. Her parents were Jesse and Nettie (Steinberger) Donat. She and Lawrence W. Nodine were married Nov. 13, 1935, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 1970. She formerly owned and operated a restaurant in Garrett. Mrs. Nodine was a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, Retired Eagles A.C. and was active in the work at the Bargain Box.

Survivors include one daughter, Kathleen Kurtz of Garrett; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Bill Donat of Wawaka.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ray, Rex and Walter Donat, and one sister, Lorena Greenwalt.

Oct 23, 1997

Services conducted for Doris Zimmerman

Doris E. Zimmerman, 73, of Butler, died Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor James O. Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Butler American Legion Post 202 Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born March 13, 1924, in Butler. Her parents were Fred G. and Elizabeth M. (Ridenour) Rex. She and Melvin L. Zimmerman were married on June 4, 1955, in Butler. He survives. She worked at the former Marshall Clothing Co. in Butler and was a bookkeeper for Yoder Ford in Garrett and for several other Ford dealerships. She served in the WAVES in World War II.

Surviving with her husband are one daughter, Patricia (Mrs. Tom) Dietsch of Edgerton, Ohio; two brothers, Blaine Rex of Auburn and Robert Rex of Garrett; one granddaughter, Jacquelyn (Mrs. Scott) Smith of Cincinnati, Ohio; and one grandson, Jason Dietsch of Edgerton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael; one grandson, Jeff Dietsch; one brother and three sisters.

Oct 27, 1997

Calling today for Vivian Leeson, 84

Vivian E. Leeson, 84, of 514 West Second Avenue, died Saturday at 3:45 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb Heart Association, American Diabetes Association or the First Church of Christ.

Mrs. Leeson was born Aug. 2, 1913, in Auburn. Her parents were Eugene and Marie (Stair) Hamilton. She and Joseph J. Leeson were married Feb. 14, 1947, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1990. Mrs Leeson worked as a supervisor in the greeting card section at Messenger Corp. in Auburn for 35 yars, retiring in 1978.She was a member of the First Church of Christ, St. Joseph Harvest House and VFW Auxiliary in Garrett.

Survivors include a son, Bill Rufner of Defiance, Ohio; two daughter, Barbara Linden of Clinton, Mich., and Carol Jones of Happy Camp, Calif.; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. One sister, Grace Schewe preceded her in death.

Oct 27, 1997

Services today for William Hicks, 82

William B. Hicks, 82, of 807 South Cowen Street, died Thursday at 6:05 p.m. at his home.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Pastor John A. Karn officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

The family has requested preferred memorials to DeKalb Hospice or Spectracare.

Mr. Hicks was born Dec. 28, 1914, in Midland. His parents were Oliver and Olivia (Smith) Hicks. He and Josephine L. Crouse were married July 29, 1936, in Linton. She survives. He was a Standard Oil Agent for 26 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Columbia City Moose and Masonic Lodge and the Garrett Elks Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are a sister, Regina Myers of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, June Reed, two brothers, Ogle Hicks and Charles Hicks, and a sister, Phyllis Butkus.

Oct 27, 1997

Services held Sunday for "Jake" McClure

Warren "Jake" McClure, 71, of Crooked Lake, near Angola, died Wednesday at 4:36 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He formerly lived in Garrett.

Services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. McClure was born June 7, 1926, in Garrett. His parents were Raymond W. and Helen M. (Elson) McClure. He and Carolyn G. Lewis were married Oct. 26, 1947, in Garrett. She survives. He worked for International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 30 years as an inspector. He was a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge and American Legion and was a World War II Navy Veteran.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Jeff McClure of Garrett and Warren J. McClure II of Westerly, R.I.; and four grandchildren.

Oct 29, 1997

Services today for M. Nelson Ross

M. Nelson Ross, eldest son of Sallie E. Ross of Garrett, died Thursday, Oct. 23, in Timonium, Md. Nelson is survived by his mother, his wife, Ruth, sons, Steven of Fort Wayne, David and Craig, and daughter, Carol, of Timonium. He is also survived by seven grandchildren. Also surviving are brothers, Robert of Aurora, Ill., and Harold of Lafayette, Calif.

He was pre-deceased by his father, Jesse, who died in 1931, and a brother, William, who died in 1946.

Nelson graduated from Garrett High School in 1938 and Purdue University in 1943. He then worked and retired as an electrical engineer. He and Ruth Custer were married in Garrett in 1944.

Arrangements are being handled by the Lemmon Funeral Home of Dalaney Valley, Inc., Timonium. Internment will follow the service at the Timonium Methodist Church today, where his wife, Ruth, serves as a part-time minister. A memorial service will be held in the Garrett Baptist Church at a future date.

Oct 30, 1997

Services today for Robert M. Thrush

Robert M. Thrush, 80, of 11475 E. St. Rd. 205, LaOtto, died Monday at 11:57 a.m. at Extenda Care, Kendallville.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Paul B. Griebel and Rev. Kathleen Kamerzeu officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, south of Garrett. Masonic services were held Wednesday evening.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

Mr. Thrush was born Aug. 15, 1917, in DeKalb County. His parents were Walter and Inez (Heitz) Thrush. He and Jean Whonsetler were married Sept. 14, 1944, in Garrett. He retired in 1979 after 37 years as a supervisor at International Harvester. He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Wolf of Kendallville; two brothers, Albert Thrush of Garrett and Jack Thrush of Auburn; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Richard Thrush, and one brother, Ambrose Thursh.

Oct 30, 1997

Services held Monday for Carolina Collins

Carolina Elizabeth Collins, 2 months old, died Saturday at 2:30 a.m. at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. She had been ill four weeks.

Services were held Monday at the Stroh United Brethren Church with Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery. Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

Carolina was born Aug. 31, 1997. Her parents are Jerry Collins and Jennifer Donnaker, both of Corunna.

Surviving with the parents are a sister, Brianna Josephine Collins of Corunna; a brother, Jordan Silas Collins of Corunna; paternal grandparents Rodolph and Irene Collins of Corunna; maternal grandmother, Helen Donnaker of Albion; and the maternal great-grandfather, Bill Donnaker of St. Paris, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Joseph Donnaker, and her maternal great-grandmother, Betty Donnaker.

Oct 30, 1997

Services to be today for Rev. Vernon Shaw

Rev. Vernon Shaw, 85, died Monday at 7:49 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. David Leitzel of the Hamilton Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Hamilton Wesleyan missions or Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Rev. Shaw was born Aug. 23, 1912, in New Bedford, Mass. His parents were Charles E. and Myra (Johnson) Shaw. He and Virginia "Ruth" Schomberg were married Oct. 31, 1932, in Garrett. She preceded him in death on Feb. 17, 1997.

Rev. Shaw retired in 1978 after 33 years as a Baptist minister. He was the founder of the Bible Baptist Church in Auburn and served churches in Nappanee, Clinton and Newtown, and Kinderhook, Mich. He also taught training classes for 10 years at the First Baptist Church in Arcadia, Fla.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Wells of Hamilton; four grandchildren, Mark A. Wells of Springfield, Ill., Beth M. Darr of Dallas, Tex., Matt D. Wells of Midland, Tex., and Jeff M. Wells of Hamilton; six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Nov 6, 1997

Services today for Harold J. Sechler

Harold J. Sechler, 85, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Monday at his home.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Mary's school building fund or to Community Hospitals of Williams County Hospice.

Mr. Sechler was born in Butler. He retired in 1978 as a self-employed truck driver. He also worked at Myers Elevator. He later worked at Pahl's Ready Mix until 1990, then at Leichty Farm Equipment for five years. He was on the Edgerton Village Council for one term.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta E.; five sons, Richard of Garrett, Mike of Hamilton, Tom and Ronnie, both of Edgerton, and David of Bryan; two daughters, Mary Vaughn of Montpelier and JoAnn Jennings of Butler; 13 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and a sister, Mildred Luke of Edon.

One son, Bob Morgan, preceded him in death.

Nov 13, 1997

Services Friday for Charles Ross Baxter

Charles Ross Baxter, 72, died Sunday in Billings, Mont. He was a dispatcher for the B & O Railroad for 20 years. He lived in Garrett for 12 years and recently moved from Steuben County.

Friends may call today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton Chapel. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Faith Baptist Church, Angola, with calling after 10 a.m. Rev. Richard Miller and Dr. Arnold Fair will officiate. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Big Sky Hospice of Billings or to Gideons International.

Nov 13, 1997

Services Friday for John E. Elam, 85

John E. Elam, 85, died Tuesday at 5:25 a.m. at Arbors of Fort Wayne. He was a former Garrett resident.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Services will at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, north of Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Salvation Army or to CARE.

Mr. Elam was born in Garrett. He retired in 1974 after 28 years as co-owner, operator of Elam-Jahn in Fort Wayne. He is a veteran of the US Army and served during WW II. He was a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Georgia (Sanders) Elam; one son, Eric Sanders Elam of Fort Wayne, and one brother, George E. Elam of Houston, Tex.

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Nov 17, 1997

Merritt L. Stroman dies at age of 83

Merritt L. Stroman, 83, of 605 Oakleaf Drive, died Sunday at 6:55 a.m. at Caylor-Nickel Medical Center, Bluffton.

Private services will be held at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Dr. R. Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery. There is no calling.

Memorials may be given to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Mr. Stroman was born March 5, 1914, in Helmer. His parents were Worthy and Clementine (Emerick) Stroman. He and Marjory Leas were married Dec. 25, 1937, in Salem Center. She survives.

Mr. Stroman was the superintendent of construction for Hagerman Construction in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in 1976. He was involved in the construction of the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum, Parkview Hospital, IU-PU Fort Wayne, Lincoln National Bank in Fort Wayne and dorms at IU Bloomington.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Boy Scout Cub Master in Garrett and Carpenters Union in Fort Wayne. He served many years on the Garrett Public Library Board and was a member of the Garrett Lions Club.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Suzanne Stabler of Bluffton; two sons, Roger Stroman of Vermilion, Ohio, and Jeffery Stroman of Indianapolis; one niece, Sue Huff of Kendallville; one nephew, Darrol Stroman of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Doyne Stroman, and two sisters, Maxine Stroman and Patricia Whetsel.

Nov 17, 1997

Services held for Bonnie Perry, 70

Bonnie Jean Perry, 70, of Garrett, died Wednesday at 11:55 a.m. at a friend's home in Auburn.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Arthur Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mrs. Perry was born Sept. 21, 1927, in Auburn. Her parents were Ralph and Lena (Nelson) Roland. She managed the former Roland's Restaurant in Auburn and worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 15 years. She was a full-time mother and grandmother who loved the holidays.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean Young of Garrett and Deborah Perry of Avilla; two brothers, Ralph Roland of Willard, Ohio, and Al Roland of Aylett, Va.; three sisters, Fairy Stomm of Corunna, Diane Rowe of Garrett and Joan Hindman of Pleasant Lake; and three grandsons, Paul Warfield, Brent Warfield and Kenneth Young.

Nov 20, 1997

Services held for Dorsey Fields, 64

Dorsey Fields, 64, of Auburn, died Sunday at 6:35 a.m. at his home.

Services were held Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Harvey Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Mr. Fields was born Jan. 14, 1933, in Menifee, Ky. His parents were Hiram and Annie (Wells) Fields. He and Herma Stevens were married on Jan. 19, 1957, in Corunna. She survives. He was a sales manager at Cooper Engineered Products, Auburn from 1967 to 1993. He was a graduate of Waterloo High School in 1952 and had six years of college. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Greenhurst Country Club, Elks lodge, Moose lodge and the American Legion, all in Auburn.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Tamara Johnston of Carmel and Debra Blevins of Auburn; one brother, Alfred Fields of Garrett; one stepbrother, Howard Meadows of Menifee; three sisters, Evan Mason of Angola and Grace Helton and Pauline Carpenter, both of Auburn; and two granddaughters, Crystel Kennedy and Melissa Kennedy.

Dec 1, 1997

Calling Friday for Beryle Young, 92

Beryle Young, 92, a former resident of Churubusco, died at 11:55 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at the Foote Hospital in Jackson, Mich.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Arthur G. Daniel officiating. Burial will be in the Riverview Cemetery, Allen County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Young was born on Feb. 5, 1995, in Eel River Township in Allen County. She was the daughter of Hiram and Emma (Bear) Frazier. Her first marriage was to David Bliesath, and the couple lived in Birmingham, Mich. Mr. Bliesath died in 1937. She later married Gordon "Bert" Young, and they lived in Troy, Mich. He preceded her in death in 1960.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Archie and Miriam Bliesath of Hubbard Lake, Mich.; three daughters, Trilby Sternal of Berkley, Mich., Mrs. Jerry (Keyna) Mayle of Southfield, Mich., and Cheryl Chadwick of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Leonard Frazier of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Doris Worth and Rhda Burton, both of Churubusco, and Mrs. Ed (Audra) Shenk of Garrett; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister. Hilda Sprouls.

Dec 8, 1997

Services held for Carl Sinders, 95

Carl Sinders, 95, of south of Garrett, died Thursday at 1:30 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Sunday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be at a later date in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park in South Bend.

The family has requested preferred emorials may be directed to the Altar Star United Methodist Church, south of Garrett.

Mr. Sinders was born Oct. 3, 1902, in Greene County. His parents were John and Iona (Mills) Sinders. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alma Stanton in 1985. Mr. Sinders worked at International Harvester and was a farmer. He previously worked at the Studebaker factory in South Bend. He was a member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church, the Huntertown Masonic Lodge and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

Survivors include a stepson, Kenneth Headley Sr. of South Bend; two stepdaughters, Pauline Decker and Fern Kidd; two sisters, Helen Mitchler of Indianapolis and Genovive Dahme of Gold Hill, Ore.; two grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

Dec 11, 1997

Services today for Ruth G. Sapp

Ruth G. Sapp died Monday at 8 a.m. at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with calling after 10 a.m. Fr. William Kummer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery. A Rosary service was held Wednesday evening at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Miss Sapp was born in Garrett. Her parents were Frank and Mary (Sullivan) Sapp. She was a secretary and bookkeeper for the B & O Railroad before her retirement. Miss Sapp was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and its Rosary Sodality.

Survivors include one nephew, Father James J. Sapp of Fort Wayne; five nieces, Noreen Castle of Florida; Carol Shafer and Molly Sapp, both of Michigan; Mary Ann Murley of Garrett and Betsy Simon of St. Joe; and two sisters-in-law, Doris Jean Talley of Garrett and Lois Sapp of St. Johns, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John Sapp and Eugene "Joe" Sapp, two sisters, Frances Sapp and Ruth McDermott and one nephew, Pat McDermott.

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Services to be Friday for Antonio Muniz, 22

Antonio C. Muniz, 33, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. on U.S. 30, five miles east of Columbia City, in a car accident in which he was a passenger.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mr. Muniz was born Sept. 30, 1975, in Auburn, to Alberto F. and Sue D. (Steinfurth) Muniz. His mother survives in Garrett.

Surviving with his mother are two sisters, Catalina A. Cary and Brandi S. Wright, both of Fort Wayne.

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Dec 15, 1997

Services today for Dr. Kenneth Fitch

Kenneth D. Fitch, formerly of Garrett, died at his home in Wheat Ridge, Colo., last weekend.

Dr. Fitch was born Nov. 7, 1927, at the home of his parents, Oscar Filmore Fitch and Maurine Anise (Little) Fitch. His grandfather, Tracy C. Little, founded The Garrett Clipper. His mother, Mrs. Oscar Fitch, taught school in Garrett and was Garrett Public Library librarian for many, many years. Dr. Fitch graduated from Garrett High School in 1945 and married Wilma L. (Sue) Smith, also of Garrett, in 1949. Two daughters were born to Dr. and Mrs. Fitch; Sue Ann Fitch, now of Grand Lake, Colo., and Sandra Jean Fitch Colby, now of Arvada, Colo.

Dr. Fitch, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday, was also a 1950 graduate of Purdue University with a B.S. in Agriculture, and he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State University in 1955. He served from 1946-47 in WW II in the Philippines, and was a member of the Colorado American Legion, FVW, BPO Elks and the Garrett Masons. He practiced veterinary medicine in Wheat Ridge, Colo., from 1955 until his recent death.

Dr. Fitch was divorced from his wife, now Mrs. Clayton D. Sites, in 1959. Mrs. Sites also lives in Wheat Ridge, Colo. He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law and five grandchildren, Heidi, Peter, Ryan and Shannon Horton, and Tyler Colby, all of Colorado. Dr. Fitch was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, O. Alan Fitch, as well as numerous other relatives in the Garrett/Auburn area.

At his request, Dr. Fitch was cremated. Services are to be held at the Arvada, Colo., Wilmore-Richter American Legion Post No. 161 at 11 a.m. today.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to your local pet shelter or museum.

Dec 18, 1997

Services today for Mary Ann McClure

Mary Ann McClure, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at 12:15 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 917 West Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, with calling at the church one hour before the services. Pastor Art Klausmeier will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Emmanual Lutheran Church.

Mrs. McClure was born Jan. 17, 1925, in Garrett. Her parents were Paul T. and Mollie H. (Pausel) Diedrich. She and Norvin D. McClure were married April 27, 1942, in Gallopolis, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Linda E. Minnick of Fort Wayne; three sons, Dr. Garry D. McClure of Tuscon, Ariz., Wayne A. McClure and Gregory L. McClure, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Margaret L. Conrad of Fort Wayne and Virginia K. Strock of Garrett; one brother, Wayne Diederich of Garrett; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Terry W. McClure in 1943.

Dec 11, 1997

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Antonio C. Muniz, 33, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. on U.S. 30, five miles east of Columbia City, in a car accident in which he was a passenger.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mr. Muniz was born Sept. 30, 1975, in Auburn, to Alberto F. and Sue D. (Steinfurth) Muniz. His mother survives in Garrett.

Surviving with his mother are two sisters, Catalina A. Cary and Brandi S. Wright, both of Fort Wayne.

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Services today for Dr. Kenneth Fitch

Kenneth D. Fitch, formerly of Garrett, died at his home in Wheat Ridge, Colo., last weekend.

Dr. Fitch was born Nov. 7, 1927, at the home of his parents, Oscar Filmore Fitch and Maurine Anise (Little) Fitch. His grandfather, Tracy C. Little, founded The Garrett Clipper. His mother, Mrs. Oscar Fitch, taught school in Garrett and was Garrett Public Library librarian for many, many years. Dr. Fitch graduated from Garrett High School in 1945 and married Wilma L. (Sue) Smith, also of Garrett, in 1949. Two daughters were born to Dr. and Mrs. Fitch; Sue Ann Fitch, now of Grand Lake, Colo., and Sandra Jean Fitch Colby, now of Arvada, Colo.

Dr. Fitch, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday, was also a 1950 graduate of Purdue University with a B.S. in Agriculture, and he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State University in 1955. He served from 1946-47 in WW II in the Philippines, and was a member of the Colorado American Legion, FVW, BPO Elks and the Garrett Masons. He practiced veterinary medicine in Wheat Ridge, Colo., from 1955 until his recent death.

Dr. Fitch was divorced from his wife, now Mrs. Clayton D. Sites, in 1959. Mrs. Sites also lives in Wheat Ridge, Colo. He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law and five grandchildren, Heidi, Peter, Ryan and Shannon Horton, and Tyler Colby, all of Colorado. Dr. Fitch was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, O. Alan Fitch, as well as numerous other relatives in the Garrett/Auburn area.

At his request, Dr. Fitch was cremated. Services are to be held at the Arvada, Colo., Wilmore-Richter American Legion Post No. 161 at 11 a.m. today.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to your local pet shelter or museum.

Dec 18, 1997

Services today for Mary Ann McClure

Mary Ann McClure, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at 12:15 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 917 West Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, with calling at the church one hour before the services. Pastor Art Klausmeier will officiate. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Emmanual Lutheran Church.

Mrs. McClure was born Jan. 17, 1925, in Garrett. Her parents were Paul T. and Mollie H. (Pausel) Diedrich. She and Norvin D. McClure were married April 27, 1942, in Gallopolis, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Linda E. Minnick of Fort Wayne; three sons, Dr. Garry D. McClure of Tuscon, Ariz., Wayne A. McClure and Gregory L. McClure, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Margaret L. Conrad of Fort Wayne and Virginia K. Strock of Garrett; one brother, Wayne Diederich of Garrett; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Terry W. McClure in 1943.

Dec 22, 1997

Calling today for Alvin Sonnenberg

Alvin A. Sonnenberg, 83, of Napoleon, Ohio, died Saturday at 3 a.m. in St. Luke's Hospital, Maumee.

Friends may call today from 2-9 p.m. at the Snyder-Wesche Funeral Home, Napoleon. Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church with Rev. Norman Norden officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Hope Lutheran Church Building Fund, the Filling Memorial Home of Mercy or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. Sonnenberg was born June 17, 1914, in Henry County, Ohio. His parents were Edward and Henrietta (Salow) Sonnenberg. He and Christina I. Huner were married June 8, 1941. She survives. He was a self-employed carpenter by trade and a farmer. He was a WW II veteran, having served with the U.S. Army. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church where he served as a Sunday School Superintendent and on the church building committee and he belonged to the Lutheran Brotherhood. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #400, Malinta.

Surviving with his wife are six sons, Richard of Wauseon, Ohio, Allan of Holgate, Ohio, Lynn and Burdell of Napoleon, Steve of Hamler, Ohio, and Eugene of Garrett; two daughters, Elaine Kirkendall of Napoleon and Helena Emerson of Butler; a brother, Carl Sonnenberg of Napoleon; three sisters, Ameila Habel of Wauseon, Ohio, Hilda Nye of Napoleon and Henrietta Ludemann of Defiance, Ohio; 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Sonnenberg, a brother, Edwin Sonnenberg and a sister, Elvina Miller.

Dec 22, 1997

Services Tuesday for Mary Steinmetz, 84

Mary Ellen Steinmetz, 84, of 1115 South Randolph Street, died Sunday at 3:23 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Rosary will be at 3:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Mrs. Steinmetz was born July 9, 1913, in Sidney, Ohio. Her parents were Andrew and Anne Marie (Hart) Frentz. She and Arthur A. Steinmetz were married Sept. 29, 1940, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Nov. 28, 1970. She was a homemaker and member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mrs. Steinmetz was also a member of the Rosary Society, Daughters of Isabella and Harvest House.

Survivors include three sons, Dr. Thomas F. Steinmetz of Huntington, Dr. James A. Steinmetz of Appleton, Wisc., and Tony J. Steinmetz of Lodi, Calif.; one brother, Robert Frentz of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, Dr. Mark Steinmetz of Appleton, Dr. Todd Steinmetz of Bozeman, Mont., and Mark Steinmetz of Indianapolis; and three granddaughters, Kari Woehler of Indianapolis, Abby Steinmetz and Emily Steinmetz, both of Lodi.

She was preceded in death by one brother, James Frentz.

Dec 22, 1997

Services held for Jerome Panyard

Jerome "Jerry" Panyard, 70, of Angola, died Wednesday at 9:17 a.m. at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Father Kenneth Alt officiating. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Panyard was born May 29, 1927, in Fort Wayne, to Jerome C. and Elma (France) Panyard. His mother survives in Angola. Mr. Panyard married his wife, Carol J., on June 12, 1948, in Fort Wayne. She survives. He retired from Canteen Vending Corp. as a truck driver in 1987.

Surviving with his wife and mother are one son, Raymond J. of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Donna L. Yarnelle of Fremont, and Deborah A. Panyard and Pamela A. Williams, both of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Robert and Donald, both of Fremont; one sister, Dorothy Angel of Garrett; and four grandchildren, Ken Yarnell Jr. and Kendra Hinman, both of Fremont, and Eric and Emily Williams, both of Fort Wayne.

Dec 22, 1997

Services held for Willard Schweitzer

Willard Ray Schweitzer, 88, of Hudson, died Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at the First Church of Christ in Garrett with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Lake James Christian Assembly.

Mr. Schweitzer was born Sept. 15, 1909, in DeKalb County. His parents were George and Nora (Stomm) Schweitzer. He and Rebah V. Sherman were married on Nov. 26, 1936, in Garrett. She survives. He was a retired farmer and also retired from the B & O Railroad. He attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Rita Kay (Mrs. Don) Nichols of Hudson and Frances G. (Mrs. Walter Ray Jr.) Lockwood of Marion; one brother, Vern Schweitzer of Kendallville; one sister, Martha Strite of LaGrange; four grandchildren, Brian Nichols of Hudson, Greg Nichols of Paulding, Ohio, Karen Kay Taylor of Morgantown, W. Va., and Mark Alan Lockwood of Marion; and four great-grandchildren, Felicia and Samantha Nichols, Ezekiel Lockwood and Christopher Taylor.

One brother, Charles Schweitzer, and one sister, Anna Feagler, preceded him in death.

Dec 22, 1997

Services today for Billy Mike Shaffer

Billy Mike Shaffer, 52, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, died Thursday at 12:30 a.m. at his home of an apparent heart attack.

Friends may call today from 1-2 p.m. at Long & Folk Funeral Home St. Mary's Chapel in St. Mary's, Ohio. Services will be at 2 p.m. today at the funeral home with Rev. Judy K. Ball officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta.

Mr. Shaffer was born Dec. 4, 1945, in Paulding, Ohio. His parents were Kenneth and Betty Lou (Pitney) Shaffer. He had been married to Jennifer Cummins, who lives in Fort Wayne. He had been a truck driver, but had been disabled since 1979.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Sgt. Michael D. and Michele Shaffer of Ft. Sill, Okla.; two daughters, Christina Dunlap of Leesburg, Fla., and Misty Shaffer of Wapakoneta; a son, Isreale Shaffer of St. Marys; seven grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Butch and Emma Shaffer of Garrett; another brother, Fred Shaffer of Wapakoneta and one sister, Linda Richie of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Steve Shaffer.

Dec 24, 1997

Services today for Walter "Bud" Smith

Walter A. "Bud" Smith Jr., 73, died Monday at 12:55 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Welch officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Smith was born June 14, 1924, in Defiance, Ohio. His parents were Martha (Goldfuss) and Walter A. Smith Sr. He and Bette Moses were married on Dec. 22, 1942, in Garrett. She survives. He was a machinist at Warner Gear for 30 years, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles, American Legion and D.A.V. He was a WW II Navy veteran.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Patrick Smith of Grabill and Frederick Smith of Garrett; two daughters, Susan Burtch of Midland, Mich., and Martha Troutner of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Frances Dickinson and Norma Brunson, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by one son, Joseph Allen Smith Sr.

Dec 24, 1997

Services Friday for Dorothy M. Deihl

Dorothy M. Deihl, 93, of Garrett died Monday at 11:20 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor. She was a lifetime resident of Garrett.

Friends may call from 9-11 a.m. Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Jerel Book officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church, where she was a member, or to the donor's choice.

Miss Deihl was born on June 24, 1904, in DeKalb County. Her parents were John and Emma (Davidson) Deihl.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, George, LeRoy and Victor Deihl.

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Calling Friday for Mary Richter, 96

Mary O. Richter, 96, of died Monday at St. Vincent Nursing Home, Montclair, N.J. She formerly lived in Garrett.

Friends may call Friday from 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and one hour before services at the church. Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the St. Vincent Nursing Home, 45 Elm Street, Montclair, NJ 07042.

Mrs. Richter was born Feb. 23, 1901, in Avilla. Her parents were Frank Henry and Clara C. (Eash) Teders. She and Aloysius J. Richter were marreid May 2, 1923, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Sept. 21, 1979. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rosary Society and Daughters of Isabella.

Survivors include two sons, Maynard and John, both of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Rita Persing of Elkhorn, Neb., Barbara Hanna of Naples, Fla., Mary Ann Patrick of Longwood, Fla., and Theresa Hoy of Verona, N.J.; 34 grandchildren and 65 great-grandchildren.

Mother, two daughters die in tragic house fire

Dec. 24, 1997

A Christmas Eve early morning fire claimed the lives of a young mother and her two children.

The victims were Consuela "Connie" Trail, 23, and her daughters, Tori Trail, 3-years-old, and Tessa Trail, 1-years-old.

The fire broke out at the home of Todd and Georgia Hickman, the stepfather and mother of Connie Trail, at 908 South Randolph Street at about 2:50 a.m. Wednesday. The south side of the home was fully engulfed in flames when fire fighters arrived. The fire was reported by a neighbor. Todd Hickman was in the downstairs at the time of the fire. He was able to escape by breaking out a first floor window.

Mr. Hickman suffered smoke inhalation and cuts to his hands. He was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne for treatment. Mrs. Hickman was not at home at the time of the fire.

Connie Trail and her daughters were sleeping in an upstairs front bedroom. Mr. Hickman and the firemen were unable to enter the fully engulfed home. Fire fighters knocked down the flames within 10 minutes.

According to Fire Chief Mike Jacobs, the fire originated in the downstairs with a lamp cord. An explosion that occurred was caused by a gas grill propane tank, according to Assistant Fire Chief Dana Treesh.

The home had smoke detectors but there were no batteries, according to a report from the State Fire Marshall. Treesh said, "If they would have had smoke detects it would definitely have been different."

The Garrett Fire Department was assisted by the Corunna Fire Department, Auburn Fire Department, Garrett Police and Police Reserves, DeKalb County EMS, DeKalb County Red Cross, DeKalb County Civil Defense, DeKalb County Sheriff Department and the Garrett Civil Defense.

Memorial Fund

Friends have established a memorial fund at the Garrett State Bank to help with expenses. The family did not have insurance for funeral expenses and the parents will need help in relocating, due to the extensive damage to their home.

The account is in the name of Trail Family Memorial Fund. Deposits can be made at any of the Garrett State Bank branches.

Funeral Arrangements

A memorial service will be held today for Connie Trail and her two daughters, Tori and Tessa, at 2:30 p.m. at Christian Union brethren in Christ Church at 4395 CR 7, Garrett.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Christian Union Cemetery with Pastor Jerel Book officiating. There is no calling at the funeral home. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Consuela A. "Connie" Trail

Connie Trail was born March 24, 1975, in Salem, Va. Her parents are Tim Trail of Roanoke, Va., and Georgie Hickman of Garrett.

She is also survived by one sister, Misty Trail of Garrett; her step-father, Todd Hickman of Garrett; one grandfather, Harry Wickline of Tampa, Fla.; one grandmother, Lillian Trail of Roanoke, Va.; a step-grandfather, Alva Hickman of Rayland, Ohio; and a step-grandmother, Virginia Hickman of Rayland, Ohio.

Tori Trail

Tori Trail, 3-years-old, was born Dec. 2, 1994, in Auburn.

Survivors include her grandfather, Tim Trail of Roanoke, Va.; grandmother, Georgie (Wickline) Hickman of Garrett; step-grandfather, Todd Hickman of Garrett; an aunt, Misty Trail of Garrett; great-grandfather, Harry Wickline of Tampa, Fla.; great-grandmother, Lillian trail of Roanoke, Va.; step-great-grandfather, Alva Hickman of Rayland, Ohio; and step-great-grandmother, Virginia Hickman of Rayland, Ohio.

Tessa Trail

Tessa Trail, 1-years-old, was born Nov. 9, 1996, in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include her father Keith Lykins; a grandfather, Tim Trail of Roanoke, Va.; grandmother, Georgie (Wickline) Hickman of Garrett; step-grandfather, Todd Hickman of Garrett; an aunt, Misty Trail of Garrett; great-grandfather, Harry Wickline of Tampa, Fla.; great-grandmother, Lillian trail of Roanoke, Va.; step-great-grandfather, Alva Hickman of Rayland, Ohio; and step-great-grandmother, Virginia Hickman of Rayland, Ohio.

Tessa and Tori Trail

Connie Trail

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A mother and her two young daughters died in this home that was completely destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning.

Dec 29, 1997

Services Monday for Homer D. Schenk

Homer D. Schenk of LaOtto, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, southwest of Garrett. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery. Sheets Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial may be sent to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren or the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Mr. Schenk was born in LaOtto and was a farmer. He also worked for Conrail for 35 years.

Survivors include his wife, Marcile; three sons, Wyman L of Santa Fe, N.M., Gerald D. of LaOtto, and Roger L. of Indialantic, Fla.; two daughters, Barbara Brown of Wylie, Tex., and Irma Pensinger of Garrett; a brother, Dale of Dallas; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruby, in 1994.

Dec 29, 1997

Spugon Andrews dies at the age of 82

Spugon Andrews, 82, of 1208 West Quincy Street, died Saturday at 2 p.m. at his home.

There will be no calling and no services. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Andrews was born July 16, 1915, in Dale County, Ala. His parents were William H. and Dora (Thompson) Andrews. He worked in the B & O Railroad shops.

Survivors include two brothers, Matt Andrews and John Andrews, both of Garrett; and two sisters, Mabel Myers and Mishie Day, both of Middletown, Ohio.

Dec 29, 1997

Services held for Davis Johnson, 75

Davis H. Johnson, 75, of 601 East Warfield Street, died Tuesday at 2:56 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Sunday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery with Military services by the Garrett American Legion.

Memorials may be directed to the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 11, 1922, in Artic. His parents were Wesley and Florence (Dodge) Johnson. He and Naomi Murphy were married June 30, 1945, in Garrett. She survives. He was a supervisor at Warner Gear in Auburn. Mr. Johnson was a member of the First Church of Christ were he had served as a deacon, the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Ruth Ann Johnston of Smithland, Iowa; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dec 29, 1997

Funeral services held for George Stebing

George J. Stebing, 80, of Garrett, died Wednesday at 2:55 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. He formerly lived in Auburn.

Services were held Saturday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to DeKalb Hospice or the DeKalb Home Health Care.

Mr. Stebing was born July 23, 1917, in Auburn. His parents were Michael and Martha (Mitchell) Stebing. He and Ruth Casselman were married on June 17, 1939, in Kendallville. She survives. He worked as a machinist at Auburn Gear for 34 years and retired in 1973. Mr. Stebing was a 50-year member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and was a member of the DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, F. & A.M.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Jerry A. Stebing of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Jeanne A. Burns of Auburn and Judy A. Park of Defiance, Ohio; one brother, Jim of Auburn; three sisters, Catherine May Reid of Genoa, Ohio, Mina DeLauder of Garrett and Barbara Luke of Florida; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Joyce; five brothers, four sisters and one great-grandchild.

Dec 29, 1997

Services were held for Norma Workman

Norma W. Workman, 76, of Garrett, died Thursday at 1:50 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation or the American Diabetes Association.

Mrs. Workman was born June 17, 1921. Her parents were Cecil and Orpha (Franks) Case. Her husband, Kenneth P., preceded her in death on June 7, 1995. She was retired from Stanadyne Distribution.

Survivors include one daughter, Cathy Wells of Garrett; one son, Randy McCullough of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Pauline Surfus of Michigan, Thelma Brown of Garrett and Marie Boyd of Angola; one brother, Max Case of Daytona, Fla.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Deb Neukom, and one brother, Earl Case.

Dec 31, 1997

Calling today for Joseph A. Robinson

Joseph "Joe" A. Robinson, 80, of Auburn, died Sunday.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe Friday with Rev. Paul W. Row officiating. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery, St. Joe.

The family suggests preferred memorials to Children First Center at 1752 Wesley Road, Auburn, IN 46706.

Mr. Robinson was born Nov. 30, 1917, in Worcester, Maine. His parents were Benjiman and Lillian (Hosolton) Robinson. He and Margret J. "Ralphine" Justus were married May 7, 1938, in Goshen. She preceded him in death on Nov. 1, 1992. Mr. Robinson retired in 1976 after 35 years with General Electric in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Knights of Pythias Auburn Lodge 191, D.O.O.K., Garrett Eagles, an honorary life member of the Concord-St. Joe Volunteer Fire Department, DeKalb-Steuben County Fire Association, Indiana Volunteer Fire Association, DeKalb County Civil Defense Emeritus and a life member of I.A.M. Union.

Survivors include three sons, Maynard A. Robinson of McDonough, Ga., Lynn J. Robinson of Waterloo, and Stanley of Anderson; two brothers, Ernest M. Robinson and Francis S. Robinson, both of Garrett; one sister, Margery Timbrook of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dec 31, 1997

Services Thursday for Robert Paul Ganger

Robert Paul Ganger, 83, of Goshen, died Monday at the home of his son, Robert, in Goshen.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen. Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Mo Vincic and Pastor George Nantz officiating. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Elkhart.

Preferred memorials are to the Liberty Community Church in Goshen.

Mr. Ganger was born Aug. 30, 1914, in Goshen. His parents were Amos and Ona (Pletcher) Ganger. He and Mary Chloe Franklin were married Nov. 25, 1936, in Rome City. She survives in Goshen. He retired in 1969 from Chase Bag Co. Mr. Ganger was a member of Liberty Community Church.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Robert E. Ganger of Goshen and Tony Linthicum of Parkersburg, W. Va.; one brother, James C. Lecount of Cromwell; one sister, Lucille Reade of Goshen; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Evelyn Young, and five brothers, Buford, Arnold, LeRoy, Eugene and Richard Ganger, and three daughters, Beverly, Donna and Shirley.

Dec 31, 1997

Services today for Robert P. Gatton

Robert P. Gatton, 77, of 704 West Rush Street, Kendallville, died Sunday at 2:10 p.m. at his home.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, northwest of Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Salvation Army.

Mr. Gatton was born March 14, 1920, in Elizabethtown, Ky. His parents were Thomas O. and Mary O. (McMillian) Gatton. He and Jean Ellington were married July 8, 1944, in Atlantic City, N.J. She survives. He retired in 1985 from Monsanto in Ligonier where he had worked since 1973. He worked in the Engineering Department at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville for 26 years before it closed in 1973. Most recently he worked at Baker's Fruit & Flower Farm delivering flowers. He was an engineering student at Tri State College before enlisting in the U.S. Navy Air Force.

Mr. Gatton was known as the father of the Noble County Salvation Army, volunteering many years distributing vouchers to those in need. He was also an avid wood carver in his retirement years. Mr. Gatton was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Kendallville, where he was a Sunday School teacher.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Pamela Kottermar of Kendallville; three sons, Thomas Gatton of Kendallville Robert Gatton of Hollywood Fla., and Timothy Gatton of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one brother, Harry Gatton of Alamogordo, N.M.; three sisters, Margaret Stack of Cleveland, Ohio, and Louise Edlin and Ruth Ann Lee, both of Elizabethtown, Ky.; and four grandchildren.

Dec 31, 1997

Calling today for Emma W. Nott

Emma W. Nott, 83, of Garrett, died Tuesday at 6:35 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and one hour before the services at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. with Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Knott was born Jan. 3, 1904, in Michlingburg, Germany. Her parents were Carl and Lena (McHale) Diederich. She and William H. Nott were married Nov. 23, 1933, in Garrett. He preceded her in death in November 1972. Mrs. Nott was a homemaker and a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

Survivors include two sons, Howard Nott of Midland, Mich., and Harold Nott of Grabill; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Carl, Fred, Herman, August and Paul Diederich, and four sisters, Meta Drews, and Elsa, Minnie and Aletha Deiderich.

Jan. 5, 1998

Services today for Edward E. Bunn

Edward E. Bunn, 80, of 400 South Guilford Street, died Thursday at 5:50 a.m. at Auburn Healthcare Center.

Graveside services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery with Dr. William N. Hodge officiating. The Garrett American Legion and VFW will conduct graveside services.

Memorial are to the donor's choice.

Mr. Bunn was born March 12, 1917, in Fort Wayne. His parents were Jefferson and Minnie (Genth) Bunn. He and Helen Hillegass were married on March 19, 1949, in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death on June 7, 1992. He was a machine operator for Kendallville foundry for 10 years, retiring in 1984. Mr. Bunn was a World War II US Army veteran. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and VFW and attended the Garrett Nazarene Church.

Survivors include six sons, David Bunn of Auburn, Thomas, Edward and Wayne Bunn, all of Garrett, Kenneth Bunn of Hicksville, Ohio, and Howard Bunn of Sturgis, Mich.; two daughters, Jo Ann Bryant of Kendallville and Monica Brown of Auburn; one brother, Donald Bunn of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Opal DeWitt of Fort Wayne and Anna Davis of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Russell, James, Clarence, Ralph and Merl Bunn, and one sister, Mae Bunn.

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Services conducted for Doris Proehl

Doris E. Proehl, 77, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at 8:50 a.m. at Beverly Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne. She is formerly of Garrett.

Services were held Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Funeral Home in Columbia City with Rev. James Crothers officiating. Burial was in Westville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carol Pebley, c/o Ministry of the Blind, through the Colony Heights Chruch of Christ, 4724 East Tillman Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46816.

Mrs. Proehl was born Sept. 30, 1920, in Garrett. Her parents were Harold and Lucile (Nelson) Fuller. She was a graduate of Garrett High School in 1938. She was a practical nurse, graduating in 1955 from the school in Indianapolis. She and Donald W. Proehl were married Jan. 22, 1960. He preceded her in death on Oct. 25, 1994. Mrs. Proehl was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 50th Base Hq & AB Squad. She retired in 1972 from Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital, where she worked for 10 years in the accounts payable department business office.

She was a member of the Fort Wayne Colony Heights Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, White Shrine of Jerusalem and the Columbia City Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sisters, Glennagene Hartig of Fort Wayne and alma (Mrs. Bill) Leathers of Sun City, Ariz.; a brother, Harold Fuller Jr. of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Jan 8, 1998

Services held for Dorothy M. Deihl

Funeral services for Dorothy M. Deihl were held Dec. 26, at McKee-Miles Funeral Home.

Musical presentations, which were provided by the funeral home, included solo renditions of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", "Jesus, Savior Pilot Me", "Blessed Assurance" and "Face To Face."

Pastor Jerel Book, minister of the Christian Union Brethren In Christ Church where she was a member, gave both a challenging and comforting message.

Dorothy spent her entire 93 plus year in the Garrett area, having been born on the family farm northwest of Garrett. A good portion of her earlier life was spent caring for her parents, John and Emma (Davidson) Deihl in their home at 500 South Randolph Street. Upon their passing, she later sold the home to the late Carl McKee who adapted it to what is now known as McKee-Miles Funeral Home. She was then invited by her oldest brother to join his family back on the farm and in so doing, spent most of her later years at the place where she was born.

Dorothy was predeceased by her three brothers, George, LeRoy and Victor Deihl. She is survived by many nieces and nephews extending into the fourth generation.

John Deihl, Mark Deihl, Donald Plante, Phillip Hoover, Jonathan Stepp and Paul Stepp served as bearers as she was laid to rest in Christian Union Cemetery.

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Services held for Valerie Brunger

Valerie J. Brunger, 27, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Jan. 2, at 11:26 p.m. at Porter Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Rev. Rick Blum officiating. Burial was in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults or Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

Miss Brunger was born Sept. 16, 1970, in Fort Wayne. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross. She graduated from Northrop High School in 1988 and was the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award in 1988 for the Volunteer Connection.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Gloria J. (Atchson) and James P. McCann of Westland, Mich; her father and stepmother, Ronald N. and Janett Brunger of Garrett; four brothers, Keven M. Brunger of Pretoria, South Africa, Vincent A. Brunger and Damon E. Brunger, both of Fort Wayne, and Bradford D. Brunger of Eulis, Texas; her grandmother, Esther Brunger of Oberlin, Ohio; and three stepbrothers, Shane Collins of Fort Wayne, Thomas A. McCann of LaMirada, Calif., and Brian P. McCann of St. Louis, Mo.

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Calling today for Nina Marie Snyder

Nina Marie Snyder, 97, died Friday at 10:20 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery.

Mrs. Snyder was born July 31, 1900, in Hodunk, Mich. Her parents were James Franklin and Mabel Louise (James) Sampsel. She and Clarence W. Snyder were married Dec. 25, 1924, in Ligonier. He preceded her in death in 1959. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Henry Snyder of Garrett and William Snyder of Greensboro, N.C.; one daughter, Maxine Goebel of Garrett; one brother, Carl Sampsel of Defiance, Ohio; two sisters, Mabel Lash of Rantol, Ill., and Mary Lucille Powell of Kendallville; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Reginald Sampsel.

Jan 12, 1998

Calling today for Mary Ruth Young

Mary Ruth Young, 82, died Saturday at 12:27 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Friends may call 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and one hour between the services on Tuesday, which will be held at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Young was born Nov. 23, 1915, in Garrett. Her parents were Oren "O.P." and Mary Miller. She and Riley D. Young were marred Oct. 21, 1939, in auburn. He preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1975. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Peggy Stone of Garrett; one son, Dean Young of Middleton; one grandson, Donald Stone of Garrett; three granddaughters, Christina Stone of Garrett, Debora Crocker of Indianapolis and Dianna Chapman of Middletown; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Richard Miller, and one sister, Dorothy Miller.

Jan 15, 1998

Services to held today for Janet Cluster

Janet S. Cluster, 59, of Auburn, died Monday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn with Rev. Harvey L. Huntley Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She and Jack T. Cluster were married in 1972. He survives. She had worked in the Produce Department at the Auburn Kroger Store for the past three years.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Susan Bunn of Garrett and Candace Cluster of Chicago, Ill.; one sons, Anthony Warner of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Jacklyn Spencer of Butler andSusan Schieck of Waterloo; two stepsons, Tom Cluster and James Cluster of Butler; four sisters, Ruth Arnold of Union dale, Lois Shearer of Markle, Joyce Roberts of Bluffton and Carol Day of Huntington; three brothers, Darrell Gilbert of Bluffton, Lowell Gilbert of Uniondale and David Gilbert of Middleton; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jan 15, 1998

Charlotte Aspel dies, services are pending

Charlotte R. Aspel, 89, of Garrett, died Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Calling has not yet been set, but will be held at McKee-Miles Funeral Home.

Mrs. Aspel was born April 26, 1908, 1908, in Ege. Her parents were Joseph and Martha (Snyder) Sobraske. She and Edward J. Aspel were married Nov. 14, 1931, in Garrett. He preceded her in death in August 1970. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Margaret Henry of Ventnor, N.J.; and one son, Raymond Aspel of Lockport, Ill.; one sister, Catherine Deardorff of Zionsville; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Marie Shoudel.

Jan 15, 1998

Services today for Richard King, 75

Richard C. King, 75, of Elkhart, died Monday at 4:40 a.m. at Eastlake Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Bridgman, Mich., with Fr. Raymond Barth officiating. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman. Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, Elkhart, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the "TJ" Pittillo-King Trust Fund at First Source Bank in Elkhart.

Mr. King was born March 24, 1922, in San Antonio, Texas. His parents were John M. and Mamie (McClure) King. He and Jeanette M. Etoll were married Dec. 9, 1944, in Garrett. She survives.

Mr. King was the former owner of Dick King Industries in Bridgman for over 20 years. He was a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Bridgman, the Airplane Owners & Pilots Assoc. and the American Legion. He had been an airplane pilot for many years. Mr. King received a Bachlors degree in Mechanical Engineering from Indiana Technical Institute in Fort Wayne in 1948. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, having served during World War II, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross/Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters. He flew 65 combat missions.

Jan 19, 1998

Jacques Hickman dies in Georgia

Jacques Hickman, 63, of Commerce, Ga., died Thursday at 6:30 a.m. at a hospital in Athenes, Ga. He formerly lived in Garrett.

Services were held in Commerce on Sunday evening. A memorial service in Garrett is pending. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Mr. Hickman was born Jan. 5, 1935, to Ralph and Audrey (Shoudel) Hickman. His mother survives at 1211 South Cowen Street. His father passed away in 1961.

He was an independent insurance agent. He had resided in Georgia for the past 10 years. Prior to that he lived in the Chicago area. He served in the US Air Force for 4½ years as an air traffic controller. He was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at Gainesville, Ga.

Surviving with his mother are his wife, Betty; three daughters, Cynthia Cannon of St. Charles, Ill., Belinda Johnston of Elgin, Ill., and Melissa Hickman of Lake-In-The-Hills, Ill.; one son, Jeffrey Hickman of Champaign, Ill.; six grandchildren; an uncle, John Shoudel of Auburn; and an aunt, Eva Reffner, of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Aila, in 1972.

Jan 19, 1998

Service held Friday for Charlotte Aspel

Charlotte R. Aspel, 89, died Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services were held Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Lockport, Ill. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Masses or St. Joseph Catholic School.

Mrs. Aspel was born April 25, 1908, in Ege. She and Edward J. Aspel were married Nov. 14, 1931, in Garrett. He preceded her in death in August 1970. She was a homemaker and member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Rosary Society, Harvest House and the Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary.

Survivors include one daughter, Margaret Henry of Ventnor, N.J.; one sons, Raymond Aspel of Lockport, Ill.; one sister, Catherine Deardorff of Zionsville; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One sister, Marie Shoudel, preceded her in death.

Jan 19, 1998

Calling today for Jane Yarde, 71

Margaretta Jane Yarde, 71, of Garrett, died at 4:20 p.m. Friday at her home.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Services will be held at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Tuesday with Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Allen County Hospice or the Community Church of Corunna.

Mrs. Yarde was born Aug. 29, 1926, in Garrett. Her parents were John and Florence (Simon) Bradin. She and Eugene Yarde were marred in Garrett on June 29, 1947. He survives.

Mrs. Yarde worked at the Mile Corner Gallery Shooting Range and managed the gun shooting league for the past 10 years. She owned and operated the Yarde Real Estate Agency in Garrett, and she and her husband owned and managed the Blue Moon Drive-In in Garrett from 1953-1971. She was a member of the Community Church of Corunna and the Eastern Star in Garrett. She was formerly the Keyser Township Trustee.

Surviving with her husband are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dan Yarde and Dave and Julie Yarde, all of Garrett, one sister Ann Warner of Columbia, S.C.; one brother, John Bradin of Huntington; and two grandchildren, Justin and Dakota Yarde, both of Garrett.

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Calling today for Richard Wolford

Richard E. Wolford, 80, of Garrett, died Saturday at 4:55 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and one hour before the services, which will be held at the First Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, Ohio.

Preferred memorials are to the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Mr. Wolford was born Aug. 13, 1917, in Hicksville. His parents were Forrest E. and Claudia (Saylor) Wolford. He and Adella H. Lobdell were married Aug. 25, 1935, in Hicksville. She preceded him in death on Dec. 5, 1993. He was a conductor on the B & O Railroad for 37 years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge and the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Mars Wolford of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Leisa Wolford of Indianapolis; a grandson, Ryan Wolford of Fort Wayne; one brother, Vance Wolford of Florida; and a sister, Louella Yarger of Edgerton, Ohio.

Jan 26, 1998

Calling today for Annabelle Clark

Annabelle Clark, 79, of 1215 South Cowen Street, died Saturday at 9:20 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Tuesday with Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett or the Garrett High School Girls Athletic Department.

Mrs. Clark was born Nov. 6, 1918, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were Roy and Hanna H. (Hoopengardner) Uhrick. She and Don M. Clark were married March 3, 1950, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 1987. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Nancy Weimer of Garrett; two sons, Thomas Ely of Wagener, S. C., and Donald Clark of Garrett; one sister, Ethel Meyer of Huntertown; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, one brother and three sisters.

Jan 26, 1998

Services held for Leonard Dobson

Leonard Dobson, 73, of Auburn, died Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Bruial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mr. Dobson was born Feb. 18, 1924, in Vest, Ky. His parents were George and Eliza Jane Dobson. He and Mayoma Ritchie were married Feb. 11, 1949, in Hindman, Ky. She survives. He retired in 1985 after 22 years at the Auburn Foundry.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Willis Dobson of Auburn and Charlie Dobson of Garrett; three daughters, Girlie Brill, Mable Beber and Pauline Krider, all of Auburn; one brother, Leslie Dobson of Hazard, Ky., one sister, Martha Fugate of Hazard, Ky.; six grandchildren, Sandra Casselman, Ronnie Dobson, Randy Brewer, Troy Krider, Isiah Dobson and LaShae Dobson, all of Auburn; and two great-grandchildren, Logan and Layton Casselman of Auburn.

Jan 26, 1998

Services held for Gerald Fuller, 50

Gerald Lee Fuller, 50, of Noel, Mo., died Monday, Jan. 5, at Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville, Ark.

Services were held on Jan. 9 at the Ozark Funeral Home in Anderson, Mo. Burial was in Butler Creek Cemetery, Sulphur Springs, Ark.

Mr. Fuller was born March 1, 1946, in Garrett. He and Vicki McFeters were married on March 10, 1965, in Auburn. She survives. He worked for Q Carrier as a driver. Prior to moving to Noel 13 years ago, he had lived in Hicksville, Ohio. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Nazarene Church.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Ronald Edward Fuller of Hamilton; three daughters, Redena Gayle Fuller of Bryan, Ohio, Cynthia Fuller of Garrett, and Jalinda Cathleen Freeman of Noel; one brother, Steven Michael Fuller of Auburn; one sister, Patricia Keplar of Noel; and eight grandchildren.

Feb 5, 1998

Services held for Robert P. Fortman

Robert P. Fortman, 80, died Sunday at 7:45 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were conducted Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. David C. Maish and Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Fortman was born Feb. 3, 1917, in Avilla. His parents were William and Julie H. (Teders) Fortman. His first wife, Helen L. (Payne) Fortman, died in 1981. He and Luella M. Hanauer were married on Sept. 11, 1982, in Auburn. She survives. He retired in 1981 after 20 years as a machine operator for ITT in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge.

Surviving with his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Cindy Fortman of Huntertown; a stepson, Daniel E. Widner of Huntertown; a stepson and his wife, Lawrence C. and Hope Widner of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Beverly G. Oberlin of Auburn; one sister, Aurelia McKee of Garrett; one granddaughter and five stepgrandchildren.

Feb 5, 1998

Graveside services set for Dorothy Hurd

Dorothy M. Hurd, 78, of Garrett, died Wednesday at 1 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Graveside services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery with Pastor Lane Andrews officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery. There is no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mrs. Hurd was born May 15, 1919, in Harrisburg, Pa. Her parents were John and Mary Geistwhite. She and Charles Hurd were married Jan. 3, 1960, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 1992. She was a homemaker and a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include one son, John Hurd of Garrett; three stepsons, David Hurd and Steven Hurd, both of Garrett, and Charles Hurd Jr. of Stryker, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Norma Combs of Garrett, Buelah Miller of Coldwater, Mich., and Lawanda Myers of Pleasant Lake; one brother, Ted Geistwhite of Harrisburg, Pa.; one sister, Helen Paul of Harrisburg, Pa.; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one stepson, Ronald Hurd; three grandchildren, two brothers and one sister.

Feb 9, 1998

Charles G. Hamm Jr. passed away Sunday

Charles G. Hamm Jr., 77, of 1003 East Houston Street, died Sunday at 5:49 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Christian Union Cemetery with Dr. William Hodge officiating and military graveside services by the Garrett American Legion. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Wee Haven or Garrett High School Athletic Department.

Mr. Hamm was born June 1, 1920, in Garrett. His parents were Charles G. Sr. and Justine M. (Zeiser) Hamm. He and Louise Rarey were married on Jan. 10, 1947, in Kokomo. She survives. Mr. Hamm was a brakeman on the B & O Railroad for 30 years, retiring in 1982, and an Army Captain of WW II and Korea. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Mark Hamm of Bloomington and Todd Hamm of Auburn; one daughter, Jordan Bower of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Cassidy Hamm of Garrett and Austin Bower of Fort Wayne.

A half-sister, Devon Wilmot, preceded him in death.

Feb 9, 1998

Services conducted for Clyde Lewis

Clyde E. Lewis, 76, of Auburn, died Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home with Diane Manon officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Lewis was born Nov. 12, 1921, in Garrett. His parents were Sherman and Grace (Brown) Lewis. He and Roseanne Davis were married on Oct. 26, 1943, in Auburn. She preceded him in death in 1971. He retired in 1989 from Borg-Warner in Auburn. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from October 1942 until his discharge in late 1945. He earned four Battle Stars, on Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He was a member of Greenhurst Country Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Lewis of Cleveland, Ohio, and Janet Lewis of Auburn; one brother, Sherman L. Lewis of Crown Point; four sisters, Lenore Lewis, Elaine Kizer and Winnifred Johnston, all of Garrett, and Jessica Moses of Findlay, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

One sister and six brothers preceded him in death.

Feb 12, 1998

Calling Friday for Hatler Conn, 71

Halter Conn, 77, of 116 South Peters Street, died Wednesday at 5:36 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call on Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Ed Hughes officiating. Visitation will also be from 9 a.m. to time of the services on Saturday. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Mr. Conn was born June 19, 1926, in Martin, Ky. His parents were Elkanie and Emily (Crumm) Conn. He was a laborer in the coal mines.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia L. Snook of Garrett and Arizona Conn; two sons, Estill D. Conn and Charles W. Conn, both of Garrett; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Larry Conn, six brothers and four sisters.

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Services Friday for Martha Reed, 78

Martha Josephine Reed, 78, died Tuesday at 4 a.m. at Courtland Health Care Center, Fort Wayne. She formerly lived in Garrett.

Friends may call today from 4-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. William Lawser officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Reed was born Aug. 3, 1919, in Mercer County, Ohio. Her parents were Lloyd and Nellie (Reynolds) Greenawalt. She and Ervin Reed were married on Aug. 7, 1937, in Mercer County. Her preceded her in death on April 29, 1989. She retired in 1981 after working in the school lunch room at Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School for 25 years. Mrs. Reed was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and a former member of the LaGrange Garden Club and the LaGrange County Senior Citizens.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, John and Sharon Reed of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judith Ann and Harold Kleeman of Garrett, and Marilyn and Charles McNall of Fort Wayne; one brother, Wilbur Greenawalt of Adariha, Ohio; a sister, Helen Wells of Ashland, Ohio; 17 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Two brothers, Raymond and Donald Greenawalt, and one sister, Inez Baker, preceded her in death.

Feb 16, 1998

Services today for Aetna Weicht, 80

Aetna Catherine Weicht, 80, of Fremont, died Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Burial will be in Maplegrove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Mrs. Weicht was born Jan. 11, 1918, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were Harry and Clara (O'Connor) McMillan. She was a homemaker and member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Coldwater, Mich.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Weicht of fort Wayne and Larry Weicht of Angola; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Ada Reed of St. Paul, Minn.; and two brothers, Wayne McMillan of Florida and Irwin McMillan of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Olen Weicht, in 1992; a daughter, Diane; and a grandson, Douglas.

Feb 16, 1998

Services held for Claudena P. Jordan

Claudena P. Jordan, 82, died Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services were held Saturday afternoon at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with Rev. John Karn officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Jordan was born June 5, 1915, in LaGrange County. Her parents were Glen and Myrtle Forbes. She and Loyal W. Jordan were married April 14, 1938, in Garrett. He preceded her in death. She owned the Suburban Gift Shop in Garrett for 10 years and was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Beverly M. Stahl of south of Garrett; one step-granddaughter and one step-great-grandson.

Feb 16, 1998

Services held Sunday for Rosie Belcher

Rosie Z. Belcher, 76, of Auburn, died Thursday at Auburn Health Care Center at 11:30 a.m.

Services were held Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial was in New Belville Ridge Cemetery, Dowling, Ohio.

Preferred memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Mrs. Belcher was born May 14, 1921, in Bradshaw, W. Va. Her parents were Harison Besse Mae (Ratliff) Combs. She and Pauley Belcher were married in 1942 in Belcher, Ky. He preceded her in death in 1987. She had been employed at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler.

Survivors include three daughters, Brenda Belcher of Garrett, Betty Heckley of Fremont, and Pauletta Sumner of Butler; a sister, Quanita Elkins of Michigan; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

One son, James, and two brothers, Woodrow and Dan Combs, preceded her in death.

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Services to be today for Stanley Fredrick

Stanley A. Fredrick, 62, of Auburn, died Sunday at 4:18 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home-Jacobs Chapel in Monroeville with Rev. Herb Schumm officiating. Burial will be in Marquardt Lutheran Cemetery, Monroeville, with military graveside services by the Monroeville posts of the American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are requested to the Purdue University Athletic Department.

Mr. Fredrick was born June 18, 1935, in Monroeville. His parents were Martin E. and Marguerite E. (Gable) Fredrick. He and Mary L. Heckman were married on June 24, 1974, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Mr. Fredrick was a self-employed owner of Hall Aluminum Products in Fort Wayne for over 30 years. He was a 1955 graduate of Purdue University and a veteran of the Air National Guard during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Leo American Legion Post 409 and the Purdue Alumni Association. He had lived in Leo for 20 years before moving to Auburn four years ago.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, J. Scott Fredrick of Irvin, Calif., and M. Dean Fredrick and Mark E. Linker, both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, April K. Root of Irvine and Amy L. Sobieski of Garrett; one sister, Carolyn S. (Mrs. Irvin) Hoffman of Monroeville; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard, at age 18, and Bernard, an infant; and twin sisters, Dianne and Diona, also infants.

Feb 19, 1998

Services held for Doris Pinkerton

Doris M. Pinkerton, 80, died Saturday at 11:55 p.m. at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. She formerly lived in Waterloo.

Services were conducted on Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial was in the Waterloo Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred to the Sacred Heart Alzheimer's Unit-St. Clare Hall.

Mrs. Pinkerton was born Jan. 24, 1918, in Grant County. Her parents were Claude and Beulah (West) Reynolds. She and Norman Pinkerton were married July 25, 1937, in Marion. He preceded her in death on July 29, 1996. She was a member and past president of the Grant Township Homemakers Club.

Survivors include four sons, Donald Pinkerton of Garrett, DeWayne Pinkerton of Medford, Ore., Phil Pinkerton of Kendallville, and Alvin Pinkerton of Waterloo; two daughters, Linda Colbart of Huntington and Linda Forbes of LaOtto; four brothers, Joseph Reynolds of Marion, Paul Reynolds of Jonesboro, James Reynolds of Woodbridge, Va., and Charles Reynolds of Battleground, Wash.; six sisters, Mildred Kierstead of Gas City, Martha Reynolds of Fort Wayne, Pearl Reynolds of Marion, Judith Morrow of Delphi, Janet Horn of Allepo, Pa., and Nancy Patillo of Bellview, Neb.; 20 grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Four brothers and three sisters preceded her in death.

Feb 19, 1998

Services to be Friday for Earl Bishop, 80

Earl Bishop, 80, of Garrett, died Wednesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Rosary services will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Raymond Balzer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery with graveside services by the Garrett American Legion.

The family has requested preferred to St. Joseph School or Garrett Boys' Baseball.

Mr. Bishop was born Aug. 31, 1917, in Garrett. His parents were Ulyssus Grant and Laura (Morden) Bishop. He and Ruth Ackerman were married on Feb. 14, 1946. She preceded him in death on June 17, 1997.He retired in 1971 after 32 years of service as an engineer on the B & O Railroad. He was a 1936 graduate of Garrett High School and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Cande Bishop of Garrett; two grandchildren, Scott and Amanda Bishop, and one great-grandson, Andrew Bishop.

Feb 19, 1998

Margaret Muhn dies, services held Feb. 15

Margaret Lefevre Muhn, 79, of Rock Creek Community, Erwin, Tenn., died Friday, Feb. 13, at the Johnson City Medical Center. She was a native of Garrett.

Services were held last Sunday in the Chapel of Valley Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Gregory officiating. Graveside services were held on Monday at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial donations be made to the American Heart Association, 208 Sunset Drive, Johnson City, Tenn., 37601 or the Diabetes Center, 1807 West Market Street, Johnson City, Tenn.

Mrs. Muhn was the daughter of Worthy F. and Geneva Lefevre Hyde. She had lived in Erwin with her husband and family for the past 33 years. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by one sister, Mable Cushing.

Survivors include her husband, Noel A. Muhn, Sr.; two daughters, Sidney Blair of Sarasota, Fla., and Debra L. Muhn of Erwin; three sons, David L. Blair of Bloomington, D. Kevin Blair of Batavia, Ill., and Noel A. Muhn Jr. of Erwin; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Feb 19, 1998

Services today for Lawrence B. Smith

Lawrence B. Smith, 78, died Sunday at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville. He formerly lived south of Garrett.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home.

Mr. Smith was born Aug. 12, 1919, in Monroeville, N.J. His parents were Warren and Jenny (McClure) Smith. He and Eileen M. Johnson were married May 4, 1946, in Fort Wayne. She survives. He worked at Structural Steel in Fort Wayne for 20 years before retiring in 1981 and was a farmer. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Russell C. Smith of Albion and David L. Smith of Middlebury; four daughters, Waureen E. Sanders of Plano, Tex., Kathleen I. Barry of Auburn, Christeen M. Smith and Robyn A. Feagler, both of Garrett; and eight grandchildren.

Feb 23, 1998

Services Tuesday for John W. Evans

John W. Evans, 71, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Eldorado Hospital.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Evans was born April 25, 1926, in Harden County, Ohio. His parents were Howard and Erma (Richards) Evans. He retired in 1986 with 25 years of service with Dana Corp. He and Carol A. Warner were married Jan. 14, 1989, in Garrett. She survives. He was a member of the Auburn American Legion Post 97, Garrett Eagles and Waterloo VFW.

Surviving with his wife are six sons,Larry D. Evans and Arthur L. Evans, both of Garrett, Rodney L. Evans of Hamilton, Jon S. Evans of Warsaw, Reginald P. Evans of Angola and Paul L. Evans of Sacramento, Calif.; two daughters, Penny D. Wolf of Garrett and Patsy M. Torres of Sacramento, Calif.; two step-sons, Jeffrey Warner of Kendallville and Steven Warner of Fishers; one step-daughter, Wilma E. Gahimer of Pensacola, Fla.; one brother, Wilbur Evans; three sisters, Jean, Doris and Joan; 35 grandchildren and many step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister and one step-son.

Feb 23, 1998

Services today for James McCormick

James W. McCormick, 68, of Kendallville, died Friday at 1 a.m. in McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, with Rev. Dr. Dale Mendenhall and Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Mr. McCormick was born Nov. 29, 1929, in auburn. His parents were Frank and Dorothy (Bennett) McCormick. He and Elouise Murphy were married June 21, 1951, in Angola. She survives. He had been employed at McCray Refrigerator for 24 years and retired in 1993 from Flint & Walling Manufacturing after 20 years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He was a member of Trinity Church, American Legion Post 86 and VFW Post 2749, all in Kendallville.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Brenda Bish of Brimfield; two sons, James W. McCormick II of Kendallville and Bennie L. McCormick, at home; a sister, Jeannette Kurtz of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Amanda McCormick of Dallas, Tex., Jennifer Clauss of Kendallville, Crystal Rodman of Brimfield, Jennifer Bower of Fort Wayne, and Austin McCormick of Garrett; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Ann Mitchell and Jo Ellen Mason, and a half-brother, Roy McCormick.

Feb 23, 1998

Katrina Crager dies in auto accident

Katrina Kayla Crager, 7, of Corunna, died Friday morning at 7:50 a.m. in a two-car collision on County Road 23. She was in a car driven by her father, Josh Crager.

The accident occurred when another car pulled from a private drive, according to DeKalb County Police.

Anna Thibeault, 18, of rural Waterloo, was driving the other vehicle. She suffered a fractured pelvis and a head laceration. Her passenger, Lonnie Shelton, 18, also of rural Waterloo, received a head laceration. Mr. Crager suffered a fractured heel. They were all taken to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services Today

Services will be held today at 2:30 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. William Hodge and Rev. Ron Shambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, north of Garrett.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Katrina was born Oct. 4, 1990, in Auburn to Josh Randall "Randy" and Bobbie (Bock) Crager. She was a first grader at Country Meadows Elementary School in Ashley. She was a member of the Garrett Nazarene Church.

Surviving with her parents are a brother, David Randell Crager at home; three grandparents, Herman and Vessie Crager of Corunna, and Donna Jean Bock of Waterloo; great-grandparents, Effie Crager of Heuyville, Ky., and Oma Hicks of Garrett, Ky.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Robert Wayne Bock.

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Services held for Ottilee Minnick

Ottilee J. Minnick, 76, died Thursday at 1 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor

Graveside services were held Saturday at Christian Union Cemetery with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Lung Association.

Mrs. Minnick was born Feb. 28, 1921, in Albion. Her parents were Walter M. and Dessie Q. (Hile) Hall. She was a homemaker and Garrett resident.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn A. DePaolo of Bloomington and Anita L. Sloffer of Huntertown; one sister, Imogene Kronmueller of Garrett; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Vance and Glade Hall, and one grandchild.

Feb 23, 1998

Services today for Peggye Lortie, 46

Peggye J. Lortie, 46, of Garrett, died Friday at 7:40 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. John McFarland officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Lortie was born Nov. 26, 1951, in Garrett, to Maurice and Wilma (Elsner) Chisholm. Her mother survives in Garrett. Her father is deceased. She worked at Renaissance Publishing in Auburn for the past 20 years. Mrs. Lortie was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Surviving with her mother are one son, Michael bonecutter of Garrett; one daughter, Nicole Lortie of Garrett; and three brothers, Donald Chisholm of Springfield, Ohio, Jerald Chisholm of LaOtto and Leon Chisholm of Garrett.

Feb 26, 1998

Services held for George Francis, 56

George Thomas Francis, 56, of Pierceton, died Sunday at 10:20 a.m. at his home. He owned and operated B & E Bargain Store in Garrett for several years.

Services were conducted Wednesday at the Free United Baptist Church in Packerton with Rev. James Rowe and Rev. Bob Brown officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton. DeLauder-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Francis was born Sept. 3, 1941, in Prestonburg, Ky., to George Odel and Ellen (Mead) Francis. His father and stepmother, Wilma Francis, survive in Warsaw. He and Eliner Mullins were married Sept. 9, 1959. She survives. Mr. Francis was a member of God's Highway to Heaven Church in Warsaw.

Also surviving are a daughter, Brenda Kay (Mrs. Richard) Heiman of Garrett; two sons, Ricky Junior Francis of Pierceton and David Lee Francis of Winona Lake; two brothers, Ulysses Francis of Warsaw and Orville Francis of Pikeville, Ky.; two sisters, Belvia Dixson and Hulda May, both of Paintsville, Ky.; a half-brother, Ernest Francis of Warsaw; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, one son and two brothers.

March 2, 1998

Services held for Dorothy Schunk

Dorothy Schunk, 98, of Evansville, died Tuesday in Holiday Care Center, Evansville.

Graveside services were held Saturday in Evansville.

Preferred memorials are to the Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

Mrs. Schunk was born Feb. 9, 1900, in Garrett. Her parents were Henry and Dorthea (Stopsack) Brinkman. Her husband, Paul Schunk, preceded her in death on April 13, 1976. She was a member of the Garrett Eastern Star and a volunteer at the Society for the Prevention of Blindness for many years.

Survivors include three nieces, Juanita Rhodes of Garrett, Ruth Culler of auburn, and Betty Smith of Holland, Mich; and one nephew, John Moening of Irvine, Calif.

March 2, 1998

Services held for for Margaret West

Margaret Mae West, 69, of Garrett, died Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Private family graveside services were held Sunday at Cedar Chapel Cemetery with Rev. Donovan Coley Sr. officiating. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. West was born Feb. 23, 1929, in Garrett. Her parents were Walter and Mae (Swazy) Custer. She and Robert West were married Dec. 17, 1949, in Garrett. He survives.

Surviving with her husband are one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Kathy West of New Haven; one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Joseph McPherson of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Arminda Payton of Garrett and Vivian Gillispie of Avilla; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Mosley; one son, Joseph West; one sister, Louella Weichart; and two brothers, Junior and Gregory Custer.

March 2, 1998

Services today for Jean Sliger, 64

Jean E. Sliger, 64, of 540 CR 34, Corunna, died Thursday at 8:35 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Mrs. Sliger was born May 19, 1953, in Auburn. Her parents were Bruce and Elizabeth (Zook) Mavis. She and Robert J. Sliger were married Oct. 8, 1955, in Garrett. He survives. She was a homemaker and member of the Corunna Fireman's Auxiliary and the DeKalb County Chorus. She was a member of St. Joseph Church.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, Robert G. Sliger and Keith W. Sliger, both of Corunna; one daughter, Cynthia S. Prater of Ashley; a sister, Barbara Joan McEntarfer of California; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

March 3, 1998

Calling Tuesday for Laura Fry, 80

Laura Anna Fry, 80, died Saturday at 11:30 p.m. at Auburn Healthcare Center. She had lived in Auburn and formerly in the Kendallville and Avilla areas.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Dayspring Community Church, formerly the Auburn Missionary Church. Rev. Bill Lyne will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church, Youth for Christ or Child Evangelism Fellowship

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Calling today for Mary Fugate, 67

Mary E. Fugate, 67, of 913 West Quincy Street, died Tuesday at 5:22 a.m. at Laurels of Butler.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with J.C. Banks officiating. Inurnment will be in Christian Union Cemetery on Monday at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Fugate was born Jan. 19, 1931, in Floyd County, Ky. Her parents were Gene and Emma (Stephens) Coyer. She and Larince fugate were married on Oct. 24, 1949, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1979.

Survivors include five daughters, Lena Mitchell of Avilla, Billy Jo Fugate and Emma Fugate, both of Garrett, Rosie Hunt of Kendallville, and Sue Bailey of Harriman, Tenn.; four sons, Sonny, Larince Jr. and Ellis Fugate, all of Garrett, and Bud Fugate of Kendallville; two brothers, John and James Coyer, both of Fort Wayne; five sisters, Billie Tuttle and Sharon Coyer, both of Garrett, Pat Vangessel of LaOtto, Bertha Morgan of Fort Wayne and Sue Rowe of Butler; 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Fugate; a brother, Max Coyer; a sister, Emma Jean Coyer; a grandson and granddaughter.

March 5, 1998

Services Friday for Jack Riccius, 87

Jack Edward Riccius, 87, of Henryetta, Okla., died Tuesday at 12:50 p.m. at Muskogee Reg. Medical Center in Muskogee, Okla.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and Friday from noon until time of the services at 3 p.m. Rev. John McFarland will officiate and burial will be in Embrey Cemetery.

Mr. Riccius was born Sept. 10, 1910, in Garrett. His parents were Edward and Erma (McCloud) Riccius. He and Beverly J. Zinn were married in Garrett on June 6, 1953. She survives. He was a mechanic in Los Angeles, Calif., for 20 years and was a tool and machine grinder at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 12 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Auburn Moose and the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Daniel of North Manchester, James of Garrett, John of Auburn, and Norman of Henryetta; three daughters, Valeska Walker and Mary Sigler, both of Garrett, and Wanda Riccius of Henryetta; one sister, Florence Sparks of Henryetta; 13 grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

March 9, 1998

Bulletin

Richard H. Abbott, 54, of Urbana, Ohio, and formerly of Garrett, died Sunday morning at his home.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Richeson-Wickham & Atkins Funeral Home at 216 South Springfield Street, St. Paris, Ohio. Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Cedar Chapel Cemetery, south of Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Terry; his mother, Gerr; two sons, Rick Abbott of Fort Wayne and Jeff Abbott of Utah; two stepsons, Bob Putt of Garrett and Larry Putt of Michigan; one stepdaughter, Cathy Putt of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

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LAURA FRY CONT.

Mrs. Fry was born in Garrett on Oct. 11, 1917. Her parents were Albert and Myrtle (Hanson) King. She worked at the West King Street Laundry in the mid 70's. She and Garman Fry were married in Auburn on Jan. 23, 1937. He preceded her in death on March 21, 1970. She was a member of Dayspring Community Church and active in Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Survivors include five sons and daughters-in-law, David and Norma Fry of St. Joe, Jerald and Donna Fry of Garrett, Gerald and Donna Fry of Auburn, Donald Fry of Newark, Del., and Bill and Kathy Fry of Myrtle Beach, N.C.; one sister, Mrs. Corless (Lois) Hungerford of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Bessie Witt and Edna Getts

March 12, 1998

Graveside services to be held today for Richard H. Abbott

Richard H. Abbott, 54, of Urbana, Ohio, died unexpectedly Sunday at 6:10 a.m. at his home.

Services were held Tuesday at Richeson-Wickham and Atkins Funeral Home in St. Paris, Ohio, with Pastor David Dernlan officiating. Burial will be today at 1 p.m. at Cedar Creek Cemetery, south of Garrett.

The family requests preferred memorials to the Graham Wrestling Program, 7800 W. U.S. Route 36, Saint Paris, OH 43072, or the West Liberty Wrestling Program, 7208 N. U.S. Route 68, West Liberty, OH 43357.

Mr. Abbott was born March 27, 1943, in Fort Wayne, to Roy and Gertrude (Drudge) Abbott. His mother survives in Auburn. He and Marlene "Terry" Howe were married May 29, 1971. She survives. He graduated in 1960 from Garrett High School and attended ITT Technical College. He retired in 1996 from Navistar, Springfield, Ohio, after 34 years as a computer engineer. He had been employed since June, 1996, by Valco Engineering in Springfield.

Mr. Abbott was an avid long distance runner and a member of the Road Runners Club in Springfield. He was the founder of the Garrett Wrestling Club.

Surviving with his wife and mother are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard J. Abbott of Fort Wayne, Jeffrey Richard Abbott of Salt Lake City, Utah, Larry Ray and Angie Putt of Niles, Mich., and Robert G. and Cathy Putt of Garrett; two daughters, Kathryn L. Putt of Fort Wayne and Sunday J. Abbott of Tallahassee, Fla.; one granddaughter, Sarah Putt of Niles, Mich.; three grandsons, Zaquery R. Abbott of Fort Wayne, and Joshua and Ethan Putt of Garrett.

March 12, 1998

Services held for Ralph Hershberger

Ralph P. Hershberger, Jr., 69, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at 3:12 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne with Pastor Don Williams officiating. Burial was in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Mr. Hershberger was born Jan. 18, 1929, in Fort Wayne. His parents are Ralph P. Sr. and Lauretta L. (Sowers) Hershberger. He was a CPA with J. Lee Dever Accountancy Corp. Mr. Hershberger was a member of the American Legion Post 47 and former treasurer of Indiana Society of Public Accountants.

Surviving with his parents are one son, Michael P. Hershberger of Iron River, Wisc.; three daughters, Melanie A. Malone and Lori R. LaTurner, both of Garrett, and Linda S. Brooks of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Donald T. Hershberger of Angola and David E. Hershberger of Paw Paw, Mich.; two sisters, Patricia A. green of Fort Wayne and M. Diane McGee of Coldwater, Mich.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

March 12, 1998

Services today for Eleanor Derickson

Eleanor H. Derickson, 71, of Garrett, died Sunday at 8:30 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Alice Smith officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Derickson was born Nov. 17, 1926, in Angola. She and Harold E. Derickson were married in 1950 in Fort Wayne. He survives. She worked at Lincoln Life Insurance Company for 10 years and retired from Towne Hose Retirement Center after 10 years.

Surviving with her husband are one daughter, Laurie D. Costin of Garrett; two sons, David C. Derickson of Fort Wayne and Michael E. Derickson of Eden Prairie, Minn.; one brother, Virgil Wisner of Marion; and eight grandchildren.

March 12, 1998

Services today for Kathryn Swonger

Kathryn I. Swonger, 69, of 1498 CR 54, died Monday at 9:47 p.m. at her home.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Wee Haven Workshop.

Mrs. Swonger was born Aug. 23, 1928, in LaGrange County. Her parents were George H. and Mary A. (Leguire) Randol. She and Paul E. Swonger were married March 6, 1944, in Angola. He survives.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, Dale and David Swonger, both of Garrett; one daughter, Diana Custer of Garrett; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Raymond C. Randol of Garrett; and one sister, Nancy Frain of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Amos N. Randol.

March 16, 1998

Former postmaster, George Staley, dies

George L. Staley, 89, of Camarillo, Calif., died Saturday at 4:45 a.m. at the Camarillo Convalescence Hospital. He was a former Garrett resident.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Cromes Funeral Home at 302 South Main Street in Sidney, Ohio. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in the Glen Cemetery at Port Jefferson, Ohio.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Staley was born July 12, 1908, in Port Jefferson. His parents were James M. and Harriett (Stephenson) Staley. He and Audrey Kern were married on May 6, 1914. She survives at 24 Villa Los Posas Rd., Apt. 236, Camarillo, Calif.

He was a former postmaster at the Garrett Post Office for many years and was a World War II veteran. He was a member of the Lions Club, American Legion, Masonic Lodge F. & A.M., all in Garrett, and also taught Sunday School at the Garrett United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Camarillo United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are one son, James Staley of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Mrs. Wendell (Sherry) Ritchey of Camarillo; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. Two sisters preceded him in death.

March 16, 1998

Calling Tuesday for Charles H. Miller

Charles H. Miller, 79, of Orland, died Friday at Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, Fla. He formerly lived in Garrett.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Brighton Chapel Brethren Church, Brighton. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery, southwest of Garrett.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Mr. Miller was born in Garrett. He worked for the B & O Railroad for 40 years and retired in 1979. He was an Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie; two sons, Larry G. and Ronald J., both of Garrett; a daughter, Diane Spurgeon of Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; a sister, Betty Smith of Garrett; 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

March 19, 1998

Calling today for William Wink, 68

William B. Wink, 68, of Garrett, died Monday at 5:34 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Rodenberger Funeral Home in Deshler, Ohio. Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home in Deshler. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Deshler.

Preferred memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Mr. Wink was born April 13, 1929, in Bowling Green, Ohio. His parents were Brooks H. and Bernice A. (Morlock) Wink. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Wink was a conductor on the CSX Railroad for 23 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Garrett Elks and Eagles and a lifetime member of the Deshler American Legion Post 316 and a lifetime member of the American Veterans of Nepolian, Ohio Post 1313.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, William D. and Alice Wink of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Shawn M. and Kevin Wulff of Deshler; four grandchildren, Jennifer Wink and Nathan Wink of Kendallville, and Matthew Wulff and Heather Wulff of Deshler.

March 23, 1998

Calling today for Loraine Corry

Loraine E. Corry, 74, of Garrett, died Friday at 3:25 p.m. at Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral home and one hour before the services. The services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with Rev. arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Hospice Home of Northeastern Indiana or the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Mrs. Corry was born March 21, 1923, in Garrett. Her parents were Lewis and Meta (Hutt) Babbitt. She and Max B. Corry were married April 15, 1945, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1978. She was a teller at Peoples Federal Savings in Garrett and was a member of the First Baptist Church

Survivors include two sons, William L. and James E. Corry, both of Fort Wayne; one brother, Lester Babbitt of Garrett; one sister, Lois Woodcock of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

March 23, 1998

Services conducted for Evelyn M. Vogts

Evelyn M. Vogts, 67, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at 10:40 p.m. at her home.

Services were held Saturday at 1 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home with Rev. Norman Conklin officiating. Burial was in Dutch Ridge Cemetery, Huntertown.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice.

Mrs. Vogts was born June 7, 1930, in Fort Wayne, Her parents were Reed and Florence (Ambler) Warner. She worked in business and industry.

Survivors include five daughters, Susan K. Powell of Fort Wayne, Vickie A. Meyers of Huntertown, Sandy L. Cooper-Jansen of Parma, Ohio, and Roberta A. Vogts and Barbara L. Vogts, both of Garrett; one sister, Violet M. Sharp of Pleasant Lake; one brother, Kenneth E. Warner of Lynchburg, Va.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

March 26, 1998

Services conducted for Forrest Landes

Forrest E. Landes, 67, of Auburn, died Sunday at 3:08 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren with Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Feller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Kiwanis Club for Riley's Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Mr. Landes was born Feb. 12, 1931, in Chili, Ind. His parents were William and Alice (Stoner) Landes. He and Mary Draving were married on Dec. 30, 1951, in Chili. She survives.

Mr. Landes owned and operated Landes Appliance Service in Auburn until his retirement in 1992. He was the Union Township assessor. Mr. Landes was a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren and the DeKalb Lodge 214, F.&A.M. in Auburn.

Surviving with his wife are two sons and daughters-is-law, Burnell and Connie Landes of Garrett, and Steven and Debbie Landes of Avilla; and five grandchildren, Melissa, Matthew, Abby, Kyle and Kelly Landes.

One brother, Lewis, preceded him in death.

March 26, 1998

Services Friday for Howard W. Best

Howard W. Best, 81, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Monday at 3:30 a.m. at Columbia Regional Medical Center, Fort Myers.

He was born Aug. 21, 1916, in Delphos, Ohio, to Oscar W. and Pearl (May) Best. He was a veteran of the US Army in World War II. He married Beatrice Hauck in Garrett on Aug. 27, 1937. She survives. He was a Garrett resident on North Randolph Street for years before moving to Michigan and then to Fort Myers.

To them was born two sons, Gene A. Best of Plymouth, Mich., and Jerry L. Best of Madison Heights, Mich. They also have four grandsons, Tyler Best and Brent Best, both of Plymouth, and Derck Best and Jason Best, both of Madison Heights; and two great-grandsons. Also surviving are two sisters, Helen Baysinger of Auburn and Martha Garrison of Garrett; and four brothers, Eugene Best of Albion, Norman Best of Indianapolis; Clarence Best of Auburn and Richard Best of Lafayette.

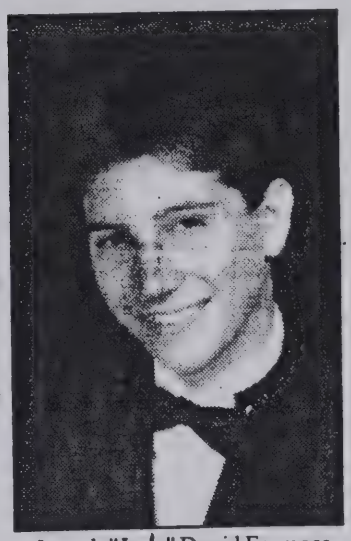
Two brothers, Donald and Ralph Best, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Schradder Funeral Home, Plymouth, Mich. Burial will follow at Glenn Edon Cemetery in Plymouth. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

March 26, 1998

Services Saturday for Joey Formosa, 19



Joseph "Joey" David Formosa, 19, of Cape Coral, Fla., died Monday at Lee Memorial Hospital, Fort Myers, Fla., from injuries suffered in an auto accident.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Kath-McFarland-Schmidt Funeral Home in Cape Coral, Fla., with Rev. Bill Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Alva Cemetery, Alva, Fla.

Survivors include his parents, Becky (Houser) Hayes of 254 N.E. 10th Place, Cape Coral, Fl 33909 and Dave Formosa of Bonita Springs, Fla.; two brothers, Jared and Corey Formosa, both at home; one sister, Brooke Formosa of Cape Coral; his grandparents, Larry and Karen (Feagler) Houser of 16900 Slater Road, North Fort Myers, Fl 33917 and Lillian Formosa of Cape Coral; great-grandparents, Jim and Louise Houser of North Fort Myers; and many, many aunts, uncles and cousins, including Jack and Marilyn Feagler, Kay Oster and Nancy Feagler, all of Garrett.

March 30, 1998

Calling today for Kyle H. Cooper

Kyle H. Cooper, 44, of Traverse City, Mich., died Saturday at his home.

Friends may call today from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Traverse City Chapel of Covell Funeral Homes. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Traverse City, Mich., with Rev. Gerald Miketti officiating. Cremation will take place after the services.

Preferred memorials are to the Memorial Fund in memory of Kyle H. Cooper for his son, Zachary Kyle Cooper.

Mr. Cooper was born March 28, 1954, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, to Ralph Kent and Janet (Huber) Cooper. He and Pamela Ann (Panek) Cooper were married Oct. 21, 1995, in Traverse City. She survives. He was a transport operator for CF Motor Freight since 1984. He attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and was a member of the Teamster's Union Local 406. He enjoyed fishing, ham radio and working on his truck. Mr. Cooper formerly lived in Hamilton.

Surviving with his wife are his son, Zachary Kyle; two brothers, Michael Kent Cooper of Kendallville, and Kevin Scott Cooper of Garrett; a sister, Cathy Lynn Aldrich of Indianapolis; his mother and stepfather, Janet and Gene Price of Hamilton; a stepsister, Gina Sanchez of Kendallville and a stepbrother, Gene Price Jr. of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1969.

May 21, 1998

Services today for Wayne Roy, 84

Wayne E. Roy, 84, died Monday at 4:57 p.m. at Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery, south of Garrett.

Memorials may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Mr. Roy was born Nov. 5, 1913, in Allen County. His parents were Frank and Carrie (Vachon) Roy. He and Velma Coolman were married on July 29, 1931, in Fort Wayne. She preceded him in death on Jan. 2, 1981. He was a farmer in Butler Township.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Kathy Roy of Urbana, Ohio; two sisters, Dorothy Maxwell of Kendallville and Jessie Hobbs of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, Bill Roy of Chicago, Mark Roy of Auburn and Bob Roy of Garrett; and one great-granddaughter, Kelli Roy of Garrett.

One brother, Francis, and one sister, Jeanette Johnson, preceded him in death.

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May 26, 1998

Services held for Charles Traster

Charles "Buck" traster, 82, of Garrett, died Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services were held Sunday at Feller Funeral Home with Rev. Dale Mendenhall officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville or the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Mr. Traster was born Feb. 24, 1916, in Stroh. His parents were Benjamin and Margaret (Gump) Traster. He and Marrianna Potts were married on Sept. 10, 1961. She preceded him in death in 1980. Mr. Traster was employed at Warner Gear in Auburn for 38 years and retired in 1975. He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and attended the Garrett United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Kendallville Elks Country Club and Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Reddin of Garrett; a stepson, Joe Potts of Canada; a brother, Robert Traster of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; one granddaughter, Wendy Hall of Garrett; one grandson, Kip Maggert of Garrett; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Cheryl Jan Traster, and one brother, Donald Traster.

May 26, 1998

Services held for James Rumsey

James Earl Rumsey, 68, of Stroh, died Tuesday at the VA Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich.

Services were held Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial was in Brushey Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Leukemia Society of America.

Mr. Rumsey was born April 3, 1930, in Coldwater, Mich. His parents were Vernon and Josephine Rumsey. He and Eunice "Corine" Westbrook LaMotte. She survives. He owned and operated a greenhouse and fruit market and was a US Air Force veteran.

Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Mrs. Donald (Cindy) Diedo of Naperville, Ill., Treasa Thompson of Tampa, Fla.., and Mrs. Tom (Michelle) Pecar of Mancelona, Mich.; three sons, David LaMotte of Kendallville, Gary Thompson of Tampa, Fla., and Michael Rumsey of Garrett; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Loretta Coney of LaGrange, Cleo Carter of Bronson, Mich., and Pat Davenport of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and a brother, John Rumsey of Coldwater, Mich.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Rumsey.

May 26, 1998

Services today for Ronald Reeves

Ronald L. Reeves, 51, of Fort Wayne, died Friday at St. Joseph Medical Center. He was a teacher at Garrett High School.

Services will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at Catholic Cemetery Chapel, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery. Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his mother, Catherine Reeves of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Rick Reeves of Fort Wayne.

May 26, 1998

Services conducted for Pearl Manon

Pearl Manon, 89, of Auburn, died Thursday at 3:45 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services were held Sunday at Feller Funeral Home with D.V. Dillinger and John Scott officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial may be given to the Auburn Church of Christ or the Woodburn Children's Home.

Mrs. Manon was born Dec. 9, 1908, in Fairfield Township. Her parents were Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed. She and Herbert H. Manon were married July 29, 1929. He preceded her in death on July 10, 1981. She formerly worked at the National 5 & 10 Store in Auburn. She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Virginia Manon of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Roger Imhoff of Butler; four brothers, Clarence Freed of Auburn, Elmer Freed of Waterloo, Robert Freed of Garrett, and Howard Freed of Kendallville; two sisters, Esther Leins of Auburn and Dalia Schmuck of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

May 28, 1998

Graveside services set for Juanita Gray

Juanita R. Gray, 83, died Saturday at Aldon Palms Residential Care Facility in Palm Springs, Calif. She formerly lived in Garrett until moving to California in 1980.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Brick Cemetery near Hagerstown. Calling will be from 10 a.m. until noon on Friday at Culberson Funeral Home in Hagerstown.

Mrs. Gray was born in Gaston. She taught piano lessons to a great number of pupils in the Garrett area for many years. Her husband, William H., preceded her in death in 1991.

Mrs. Gray was an accomplished pianist and retired music professor at the former Concordia College in Fort Wayne. She began her musical studies at age 6 at the Muncie School of Music and continued at the Sherwood School of Music in Chicago and the Julliard School of Music in New York City. She made her concert debut in 1942 in Detroit and continued to tour both nationally and internationally.

Mrs. Gray was an American College Music Educator and attained listings among Accomplished American Women and Musicians of Note in America. She also was a longtime organist at United Methodist Churches, including the church in Garrett.

Survivors include two sisters, Florence Smith of Cathedral City, Calif., and Bernice Buskirk of Muncie; and two brothers, John Curtis of Muncie, and Albert Curtis of Pioneer, Calif.

May 28, 1998

Memorial service set for Ruth Reynolds

Ruth Z. Reynolds, 87, of Garrett, died Sunday at 7:03 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 4 p.m. at the First Church of Christ with Lloyd Mealer officiating. There is no calling. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ or the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Reynolds was born May 21, 1911, in Garrett. Her parents were Charles A. and Clara E. (Lash) Zimmerman. She was a registered nurse.

Mrs. Reynolds graduated from Garrett High School, received her nursing degree from the Indiana University School of Nursing, and a teaching certificate from IPFW. She was a certified Red Cross nurse and worked at the Red Cross Bloodmobile in Garrett from its inception until she retired at age 82.

She served as staff nurse at IU hospitals in Indianapolis, Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett and the Garrett Hospital. Mrs. Reynolds was an instructor in the Health Occupations program at Garrett High School, where she also served as school nurse.

Mrs. Reynolds was a member of Twentieth Century Literary Club, Tri Kappa Sorority, Friends of the Library, Garrett Historical Society and the First Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Richard W. Reynolds of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one daughter, Marilyn Neal of San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Mabel Patrick of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ralph, Roscoe and George Zimmerman.

March 30, 1998

Calling today for John Bohrer, 84

John H. Bohrer, 84, of Garrett, died Friday at 8:30 a.m. at the home of his son in Huntington.

Services will be held today at 9 a.m. at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Huntington with Fr. Ron Rieder officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Huntington. Hart Funeral Home in Huntington was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church and Huntington Hospice.

Mr. Bohrer was born Nov. 13, 1913, in Fort Wayne. His parents were Gerhart and Francis (Bott) Bohrer. His first wife, Mary M. Schmoll preceded him in death on Dec. 13, 1992. He and Ethel Schurr were married on Aug. 1, 1993, in Garrett. She survives. Mr. Bohrer was a Rockcreek Township farmer and retired in 1982. He was a member of SS Peter and Paul Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Charles Bohrer of Huntington; three grandchildren; one sister, Mary Gibson of Columbia City; two stepsons, Robert Schurr of Marathon, Fla., and David Schurr of Leo; and two stepdaughters, Beverly Carper of Garrett and Carol Schlabach of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Frank Bohrer.

April 9, 1998

Services Friday for Gale Willard Benner

Gale Willard Benner, 67, Auburn, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be held at the funeral home at 4 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be given to The First United Methodist Church in Auburn.

Mr. Benner was born in Newville. He was a locomotive engineer with CSX (B & O) Railroad for 39 years and retired in 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Donna J.; four sons, Victor G. of Fort Wayne, Roderick D. of Denver, Colo., Bradford B. of Auburn, and Michael C. of Columbus; a brother, Neal of Indianapolis; a sister, Florence Ackers of Indianapolis; and seven grandchildren.

April 9, 1998

Services today for Emma Schulthess

Emma R. Schulthess, 84, of Angola, died Monday at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Schulthess was born in Steuben County. She was retired from Harman Dress Shop in Fremont. Her first husband, Bill Dellinger, died in 1962, and her second husband, Vernon Schulthess, died in 1992.

Survivors include one daughter, Janet Barany of Garrett; two sons, Don Adams of Ossian and John Adams of Chicago; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Opal Kline of Kendallville, Wava Mettert of Angola and Ruby Hess of Muncie.

April 9, 1998

Services held for Harold D. Mauk

Harold D. Mauk, 81, of Auburn, died Friday at Auburn Health Care Center.

Services were held Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church or the Heimach Center.

Mr. Mauk was a native of Stryker, Ohio. He retired in 1975 from the B & O Railroad where he worked 30 years as a trainman and brakeman.

Survivors include his wife, Estelene of Auburn; two daughters, Ginger Dettmer of Auburn and Betty Tuggle of Sparta; three grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Phyllis Mauk.

April 9, 1998

Calling today for Walter Allen

Wlater E. Allen, 84, of Auburn, died Monday at Willow Ridge Nursing Home, Huntertown.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be held at the funeral home on Friday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Diabetes association.

Mr. Allen formerly owned the Northway Inn, Walt's Grill & Bus Stop and the Bowling Alley, all in Auburn.

Survivors include two daughters, Marsha K. Hedges of Huntertown and Cathy L. Hess of Churubusco; one son, Gregory S. Allen of Everett, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Services today for Yvonne Hunter

M. Yvonne Hunter, 81, of Garrett, died Monday at 11:15 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, with calling from 10 a.m. until time of the services. Rev. R. Larry Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Garrett United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hunter was born Sept. 16, 1916, in Garrett. Her parents were Dan and Jeannette Weaver. She and Lyle C. Hunter were married Sept. 25, 1935, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Nov. 3, 1988. Mrs. Hunter had worked at the Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community Schools cafeteria for many years. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and a life member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Rodger Flagg of Annadale, Va., and Sherri and Jerry Smith of Hamilton Lake; four grandchildren, Jon T. Smith and Beth Enyeart, and Chris and Tim Flagg, and two foster grandsons, Jim and Charlie Sanders.

One brother, Richard Weaver, preceded her in death.

April 9, 1998

Calling today for Mary L. Thomas

Mary L. Thomas, 73, died Monday at 4:26 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor John A. Karn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, where she was a member.

Mrs. Thomas was born July 31, 1924, in Harriman, Tenn. Her parents were Dewey and Pearly (Isham) Pressley. She and Hubert C. Thomas were married in 1944. He preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 1985.

Survivors include one daughter, Juanita Plimpton of Garrett; three grandsons, Rick Zolman of Churubusco and Steve Zolman and Scott Zolman, both of Garrett; one granddaughter, Diane Riccius of Auburn; eight great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Chester, Robert and Jimmy Pressley, all of Harriman, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by one son, Charles E. Thomas and one grandson.

April 13, 1998

Services held for Fay Robinson

Fay M. Robinson, 88, of Mason, Mich., died Wednesday in Mason.

Services were held Saturday at the Mason First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. John Frye, Rev. James Brown and Rev. Dean Carmoney officiating. Burial was in Hawley Cemetery, Mason.

Memorials are to the church for missions.

Mrs. Robinson was born April 19, 1909, in Gratiot County, Mich.

Survivors include one daughter, Yvonne (Mrs. John) Frye of Garrett, one brother, one sister, 11 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

April 16, 1998

Services Saturday for Naomi L. Roark

Naomi L. Roark, 66, of Angola, died Wednesday at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held Saturday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Mrs. Roark was a native of Buchannon, W.V., and worked as a laborer at E.M.F. Corp. in Angola.

Survivors include her husband, David Roark; two daughters, Patricia Clemons of Garrett and Lynn Johnsonbaugh of Hicksville, Ohio; three sons, Henry Roark and James Roark of Angola and William Roark of Auburn; five sisters, Nancy Riley of West Virginia, Virginia Jones of Spencer, Sonya Wainscott and Rhoda Cole of Angola, and Jean Faulkner of Waterloo; one brother, Marvin Lawson of Butler; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

April 20, 1998

Services held for Dale Hathaway

Dale Kenneth Hathaway, 82, of Deshler, Ohio, died last Thursday at 7:19 a.m. at Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Services were held Saturday at Rodenberger Funeral Home in Deshler with Pastor James Creager officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Deshler.

Memorials are to the Deshler EMS or the donor's choice.

Mr. Hathaway was born May 1, 1915, in Garrett. His parents were Milton and Emma (Feller) Hathaway. He and Opal Sadler were married Aug. 2, 1941, in Rushville. She survives. Mr. Hathaway was an engineer for Chessie Systems in Fostoria, Ohio, until his retirement in 1975. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Train Collectors Association. He was a US Army veteran from WW II 1943-46, Technician Fourth Grade, 740th Railway Operation Battalion. He served in Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Duane Hathaway of Deshler and Gary Hathaway of McComb, Ohio; two brothers, Claude Hathaway of Connersville and Orel Hathaway of Garrett; two sisters, Wilma Gilbert of Kendallville and Mary Maxwell of Garrett; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Merle, Paul and Roy Hathaway, and one sister, Blanche Stafford.

April 20, 1998

Services held for Howard Lemper

Services were held Saturday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home for Howard "Bud" Lemper, 76. He died April 14 at Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, N.C.

Fr. Raymond Balzer officiated at the services. Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery, southeast of Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the DeKalb County United Way.

Mr. Lemper was plant manager at Dana Corp. in Auburn for six years. He retired from Dana in 1972 after 30 years of service.

Mr. Lemper was born Feb. 19, 1922, in Avilla. His parents were Henry and Henrietta Borke) Lemper. He and Betty M. Freeman were married on Jan. 30, 1943, in Auburn. She survives. They have lived in Pinehurst since 1989 and formerly lived in the Garrett/Auburn area. He was a past president of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, past president of the United Way, and a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Southern Pines, N. C.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Phil Lemper of Garrett; two daughters, Carole Lemper of Greensboro, N. C., and Barbara Wesner of Whispering Pines, N. C.; one brother, Herman Lemper of Auburn; three sisters, Helen Close of Birmingham, Mich., Delores Ferrell of Hendersonville, N. C., and Lucille Weimer of Auburn; six grandchildren, Matt, Scott and Brooke Wesner, Beth Riffe, Phil Lemper Jr., and Tim Lemper; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.

April 23, 1998

Services Saturday for Christine Treadwell

C. Christine Treadwell, 88, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday at 1:50 a.m. at the home of her daughter in Columbia City.

Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Friends may call on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Newton Cemetery, Union City, Mich.

Memorials may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Mrs. Treadwell was born May 17, 1909, in Calhoun County, Mich. Her parents were Beatson and Eva Marie (Grinnell) Walkinshaw. She and Dr. Dale Treadwell were married Aug. 9, 1931, in Marshall, Mich. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1988. She was a former Auburn resident. She was a teacher in a former one-room school in Calhoun County and later worked along side her husband in his physician's office in Auburn. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. She was also a member of the Auxiliary of the Indiana Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, and a founding member of the Au-tra-Nu Club in Auburn.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Bryce and Stephanie Treadwell; three daughters and sons-in-law, Charlotte and Philip Scott of Livingston, Tex., Rebecca and Steven Henry of Holt, Mich., and Pamela and Richard Koch of Columbia City; two sisters, Virginia Stauble of Albany, Ore., and Evelyn Sinke of Lowell, Mich.; 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Dr. Lawrence Walkinshaw; two sisters, Fannie Metz and Winifred Clay; and a great-granddaughter, Jessica Mikesell.

April 23, 1998

Services today for Robert A. Rottger

Robert A. Rottger, 46, of 1414 West Quincy Street, died Monday at 10:20 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Pentecostal Church of God in Altona with Rev. Lane Andrews officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Rottger was born May 18, 1951, in Garrett. His parents are Frank and Mildred (Ely) Rottger. They survive in Auburn. He and Glenda Maloney were married April 11, 1970, in Altona. She survives. He worked for Owens-Corning in Angola for the past year. Prior to that he was an assembler for 21½ years at Vulcraft in St. Joe.

Surviving with his wife and parents are one son, Bobby W. Rottger of Auburn; one daughter, Carla S. Rottger of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Edward and Richard Rottger, both of Auburn; four sisters, Linda Wilford of Auburn, Janet Zimmerman of Butler, Connie Roush of Garrett, and Janice of London, Ky.; one grandson, Brennen Storey; and one granddaughter, Sierra Rottger.

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April 23, 1998

Services to be today for Patricia Stayer

Patricia Stayer, 67, of Butler, died Tuesday at 5 p.m. at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Services will be held today at 3:30 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling after 2:30 p.m. Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Butler Little League.

Mrs. Stayer was born Jan. 17, 1931, in Waterloo, to Chester and Helen (Schlosser) Frick. Her mother survives in Garrett. She and James W. Stayer were married on Aug. 31, 1948, in Butler. He preceded her in death on Dec. 16, 1983. She was a homemaker.

Surviving with her mother are four sons, Ronald of Auburn, Randy of Butler, Terry of Coldwater, Mich., and Jeff of Hamilton; one sister, Brenda Stayer of Butler; one brother, Alfred Eugene Frick of Waterloo; one sister, Betty Roose of Garrett; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One brother preceded her in death.

April 23, 1998

Richard Livergood dies at age 82

Richard G. Livergood, 82, of Auburn, died Sunday at 4:45 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will take place at a later date. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Livergood was born Sept. 15, 1915, in Keyser Township. His parents were J.D. and Clara (Rollins) Livergood. He and Ruth E. Fulk were married on Jan. 1, 1956, in Auburn. She preceded him in death in 1981. Mr. Livergood was a retired machinist for Auburn Gear. He was a World War II US Army veteran and a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Suellen Gray of Garrett and Patsy A. Livergood of Pleasant Lake.

April 23, 1998

Calling Friday for Matilda Burniston

Matilda A. "Till" Burniston, 62, of 906 North Randolph Street, died Wednesday at 3:25 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call Friday from 2-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held at the funeral home on Saturday at 2 p.m. with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the First Church of Christ.

Mrs. Burniston was born March 11, 1936, in West Union, W. Va. Her parents were Wesley E. and Lida Eula (Bee) Dennison. She and Charles W. "Chuck" Burniston were married Nov. 26, 1955, in Garrett. He survives. Mrs. Burniston worked at Magnavox in Columbia City for 16 years as a team member. She was a member of the First Church of Christ.

Surviving with her husband are one son, William Burniston of Garrett; two daughters, Catherine Griffith of Garrett and Teresa Phillips of Papillion, Neb.; three brothers, Gene Dennison of Mulberry, Fla., Charles Dennison of Garrett and Clifford Dennison of Butler; two sisters, Mable Snyder of Garrett and Thelma Strup of Edgerton; 11 grandchildren and one stepgrandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bud Dennison.

April 27, 1998

Services Tuesday for Carl Fosnaugh, 83

Carl Walter Fosnaugh, 83, of Huntertown, died Saturday at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with calling one hour before the services. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Huntertown.

Memorials are to the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Fosnaugh was born in Toledo, Ohio. He retired in 1980 after 30 years as owner of Walt's Ignition Service.

Survivors include two sons, Carl Rex Fosnaugh of Garrett and Terry N. Fosnaugh of Huntertown; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

April 27, 1998

Services today for Agatha Clark, 94

Agatha A. Clark, 94, died Thursday at 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She formerly lived in Altona.

Services will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Tom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the services at the church. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Clark was born Jan. 26, 1904, in LaOtto. Her parents were Frank and Catherine (Hornet) Adams. She and Austin Birch Clark were married on April 21, 1924, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on May 6, 1928. She formerly lived at 1401 West King Street and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Rosary Society.

Survivors include one son, Robert Schmidt of Kendallville; a sister, Leona Kessler of Avilla; two grandsons, Joseph Schmidt of Kendallville and John Schmidt of Largo, Fla.; and two great-grandsons, Matthew and Anthony Schmidt, both of Albion.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Beverly Schmidt, five brothers and three sisters.

April 27, 1998

Services held for William Coleman

William A. Coleman, 68, of Churubusco died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient the past seven weeks. He had been in declining health the past year.

Services were held Saturday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Lane Burgland and Rev. Rick Van Horn officiating. Entombment will be in the mausoleum at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be given to Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco, or Faith Lutheran Church Building Fund in Churubusco.

Mr. Coleman was born Jan. 11, 1930, in Fort Wayne. His parents were Edward C. and Nora (Feaser) Coleman. He and Esther Schoaff Manley were married May 31, 1986. She survives. He was in the maintenance department of Morrill Motors in Fort Wayne for 40 years, retiring in 1993. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Monroeville American Legion Post.

Surviving with his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, DeWayne and Darlene Coleman of Hoagland; three daughters, Mrs. Lonnie (Mary) Lainhart of Garrett, Mrs. Don (Joanne) Jeffrey of Van Wert, Ohio, and Mrs. Kurt (Lorie) Babb of Ossian; a stepson and daughter-in-law, James L. and Rebecca Manley of Columbia City; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Don (Donna) Sprague of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and one stepgrandchild.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Moreno in 1989, two brothers and two sisters.

April 30, 1998

Services held for Herbert L. Gross

Herbert L. Gross, 86, a Smith Township farmer and community leader, died at 8:52 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday in the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco with Pastor Edward A. Thompson officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of arrangements

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Good News Baptist Church.

Mr. Gross was born in Smith township on Feb. 20, 1912. He was the son of Morris V. and Susie (Switzer) Gross. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1930, and later from Purdue University Agriculture Short Course in 1950. He and Leona M. Diffendarfer were married in Columbia City on Sept. 23, 1937. She survives.

In addition to his farming and agricultural activities, his life was marked by community service and memberships in several organizations. He was a member of the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco, and had been a deacon, elder, and trustee of the former Blue River Church of God in Smith Township. Mr. Gross was past president of the Whitley County Farm Bureau, was former director of the Whitley County 4-H Clubs, and had served on the board of directors of the Whitley County Hospital and the Whitley County Co-op. He had also served as a Whitley County councilman for eight years.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Jeanne) Baughman of Churubusco; a brother and sister-in-law, Guy E. and Lois Gross of Churubusco; and two granddaughters, Melissa Sue Baughman and Lori Lynn Baughman, both of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Stacy Ann Baughman; two brothers, Clarence Gross and Ernest Gross; and a sister, Erma Wilkinson.

April 30, 1998

Services held for Mary Johnson

Mary C. Johnson, 81, of Elkhart, died Thursday, May 23, at 2:43 a.m. in Elkhart General Hospital.

Private family services were held last Saturday at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home with Mrs. Johnson's nephew, Rev. James Shafer, officiating. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Preferred memorials are to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County or the American Heart Association.

Mrs. Johnson was born March 26, 1917, in Garrett. Her parents were O.T. and Irene (Weaver) Shafer. She and George F. Johnson were married June 27, 1953, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 1970. She was retired from CTS Corp., where she worked for 30 years. She was a member of the CTS Quarter Century Club and Women of the Moose.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Judy Reed) Nelson of St. Louis, Mo.; one son, David R. Reed of Elkhart; one brother, Maurice shafer of Garrett; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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April 30, 1998

Services today for Mary A. Turner

Mary A. Turner, 76, of Auburn, died Sunday at her home.

Services will be today at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Auburn with visitation one hour before the service. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the YMCA of DeKalb County, 306 North Main Street, Auburn.

Mrs. Turner was the first bailiff for DeKalb Superior Court under Judge Charles Quinn. She was a member of the DeKalb County republican Women's Club. Her husband, Don R. Turner, preceded her in death in 1956.

Survivors include one daughter, Patti J. Graham of Schererville; two sons, David R. Turner of Hamilton and Jeffrey L. Turner of Auburn; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

April 30, 1998

Services held for Carl Fosnaugh

Carl Walter Fosnaugh, 83, of Huntertown, died at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services were held Tuesday at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. E. Vaughn Powell officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, VanWert, Ohio.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Fosnaugh was born on Feb. 3, 1915, in Toledo, Ohio. His parents were Isaac Newton and Ida May (Patton) Fosnaugh. He moved to Huntertown in 1949 and was the owner and operator of Walt's Ignition Service in Huntertown for 30 years, retiring in 1980.

Survivors include two sons, Carl Rex Fosnaugh of Garrett and Terry N. Fosnaugh of Huntertown; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.

May 4, 1998

Calling today for Martha Gradeless

Martha E. Gradeless, 89, died Saturday at 6 p.m. at Towne House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral. Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church with calling one hour before the services. Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family requests preferred memorials to the church.

Mrs. Gradeless was born July 31, 1908, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were Charles and Ella (Lair) Smith. She and Ralph A. Gradeless were married Jan. 31, 1933, in Rochester. He preceded her in death on March 19, 1993. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Survivors include one daughter, Nancy Leitch of Fort Wayne; one son, Dave Gradeless of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Services held for Howard Ervin

Howard H. Ervin, 96, died Tuesday at 6:10 p.m. in Valley View Healthcare Center.

Services were conducted Friday in Billings Funeral Home, Elkhart, with Pastor Raymond P. Laborde officiating. Graveside services were held Friday afternoon at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or United Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

Mr. Ervin was born Sept. 19, 1901, in DeKalb County. His parents were Perry and Brittie (Kniss) Ervin. He retired in 1966 after 45 years of service on the B & O Railroad. His first wife, Mary, died in 1980. He and Pearl M. Hager were married on Feb. 23, 1982, in Sebring, Fla. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, William H. Ervin of Chicago; one daughter, Thais Muzzillo of LaGrange; one step-daughter, Mary Jane Miller of Elkhart; four grandsons, three step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandsons.

The Garrett Clipper

May 4, 1998

Calling Tuesday for Garnet B. Kelley

Garnet B. Kelley, 87, of 801 South Lee Street, died Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Garrett Church of the Nazarene with calling one hour before the services. Dr. William N. Hodge will officiate. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday afternoon at Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo.

Mrs. Kelley was born Dec. 9, 1910, in Kokomo. Her parents were William and Daisy (Cowell) Leicht. She and Chester E. Kelley were married in Kokomo on Jan. 22, 1931. He preceded her in death in 1989. She formerly lived many years in the Muncie area until moving to Garrett. She was a member of the Women's Democrat Club of both DeKalb and Delaware Counties.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, LeAnna J. and Lyle Hood, of Ponce Inlet, Fla., Sharon Lee and Larry Long of Muncie; and MaryEtta and Allen Zartman of Garrett; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by four brothers and six sisters

May 7, 1998

Dakota Rathburn dies in pool accident

Dakota Forrest Rathburn, 21 months old, died at 2:10 p.m. Thursday in Phoenix Children's Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

Services were held Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home with rev. Al Fugate officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Dakota was born July 9, 1996, in Auburn. His parents are Terra Rathburn of Auburn and Dion Gonzales of Garrett.

Other survivors include his grandparents, Julie and Larry Chapman of Angola, Ruben and Cheryl Gonzales of Garrett, and Karen and Reynold Jerome of Yuma, Ariz.; his great-grandparents, Alan and Ann LaRowe of Auburn, Margaret Gonzales of Auburn, Antonio and Ernestine Gonzales of Waterloo, Helen Fugate of Auburn and Clarence Fugate of Auburn; and his great-great-grandparents, Vernon and Nellie Wiseman, Mildred Scott and Mable Hogan, all of Auburn.

May 7, 1998

Charles T. Link dies at age 86

Charles T. Link, 86, of Avilla, died April 30, at the Auburn Health Care Center.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be at a later date in Jefferson Memorial Cemetery in Pittsburgh, Pa. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Auburn Health Care Center.

Mr. Link was born in Garrett and formerly lived in Pittsburgh. He is retired as a nuclear engineer with Atomic Energy Commission in New Mexico. His wife, Mary Ann, preceded him in death.

Survivors include two daughters, Charla A. Short of McGraw, N.Y., and Susan I. Link of Pittsburgh; one niece, Virginia Davis of Garrett; and four grandchildren.

May 11, 1998

Services held for Warren Berry

Warren P. Berry, 65, of Butler, died Wednesday at 5:30 a.m. at his home.

Services were held Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler with Dale Robineau officiating. Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association or to the family.

Mr. Berry was born Aug. 21, 1932, in Clinton. His parents were James T. and Ruth (Lacy) Berry. He and Zelma Ashbaugh were married Jan. 27, 1961, in Van Wert, Ohio. She survives. Mr. Berry retired from Dana Corp. in Auburn in 1988 after 30 years of service. He was a Korean Conflict veteran of the US Navy, serving from 1949 to 1954. He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Warren Jr. of Garrett and Mark of Newville; two daughters, Loretta Poe of Ragland, Ala., and Toni Westbrook of Butler; three sisters, Edith Daves of Las Vegas, Nev., Lottie Cracraft of Auburn and Betty JoAnn Eicher of Waterloo; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Dale; one daughter, Tamara Kay; four brothers, James, Robert, Albert and John; and two grandchildren.

May 14, 1998

Services held for Jimmie Crooks

Jimmie T. Crooks, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park with military gradeside services by American Legion Post 178.

Preferred memorials are to Concordia Educational Foundation Edward Brackmann Memorial Fund.

Mr. Crooks was born in Fort Wayne and he worked for International Harvester Company, Magnavox Corporation and retired as general manager at Premier Engineering in Detroit in 1988.

Survivors include three sons, Charles of Atlanta, Chris of Garrett and Carlton of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Cherrie Riecke of Birmingham, Ala., and Catherine Crooks of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Ann Payton of Syracuse; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

May 18, 1998

David L. Haas Sr. dies at age 51

David L. Haas Sr., of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

D. O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, was in charge of arrangements. There was no service. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

The family requests preferred memorials to Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic or to the American Heart Association.

Mr. Hass is survived by two sons, David Lee Jr., and Timothy P., both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Tara Marie Haas of Fort Wayne; his father and stepmother, Carl F. and Betty Haas of Fort Wayne; three brothers, John of Garrett, Charles of Fort Worth, Tex., and Earl of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Sharon Noakes and Carol Minnich, both of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren.

May 18, 1998

Services held for Martin Vincent

Martin E. Vincent, 80, of 201 West Covell Street, died Tuesday at 11:43 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services were held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Sedan Cemetery, Sedan, with Rev. Hughes officiating. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Vincent was born April 8, 1918, in Kentucky. His father was Martin Vincent Sr. He and Helen York were married Dec. 28, 1974, in Evansville. She survives. Mr. Vincent was a farmer.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Connie Simpson of Garrett and Martha Wallis of Evansville; one son, Marvin O. Jones of Garrett; one brother, Garland Vincent of Montgomery, Tenn.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

May 18, 1998

Private services for Helen Bertsch, 76

Helen G. Bertsch, 76, of Garrett, died Friday at 10 a.m. at her home.

Private graveside services will be held today at Christian Union Cemetery. There was no calling. Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Bertsch was born Feb. 20, 1922, in Rick Creek Township of Huntington County. Her parents were Charles and Fannie (Berry) Mayne.. She and Robert N. Bertsch were married on March 23, 1946, in Goshen. He survives. She was a homemaker and worked at Harvester for 12 years and County Line Cheese for five years. Mrs. Bertsch was a member of UAW Local 57 Retirees, Fort Wayne.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Marilynn Bond and Rhonda Bertsch, both of Garrett, and one granddaughter, Jodi Bond.

She was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

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Services today for Medaia Traster Sharp

Medaia R. Traster Sharp, 79, died Saturday at 10:10 p.m. at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

Graveside services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating.

Mrs. Sharp was born Nov. 18, 1918, in Garrett. Her parents were William and Emma (Kennedy) Stansbury. She was a homemaker. She and Jim Sharp were married in 1962 in Oxford, Mich. He preceded her in death in 1983.

Survivors include one daughter, Gloria Reddin of Garrett; one granddaughter, Wendy Hall of Garrett; one grandson, Kip Maggert of Garrett; five great-grandchildren and one sister, Margaret Brinkman of Miami, Fla.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Cheryl Jan Traster.

May 18, 1998

Graveside service held for Betty Fordeck

Betty L. Fordeck, 75, of Orland, died Thursday at 9:55 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Graveside services were held Saturday at Calvary Cemetery with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating.

Mrs. Fordeck was born Jan. 18, 1923, in Collins. Her parents were Ross and Reatha (Geiger) Egolf. She and William Fordeck were married in Bryan, Ohio, on March 15, 1942. He preceded her in death in 1990. Mrs. Fordeck formerly lived in Garrett. She worked as a physicians assistant for 30 years, retiring in 1992.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Foar of Angola; one sister, Janice Egolf of Orland; one grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

May 21, 1998

Services Friday for Mitchell Everage

Mitchell Everage, 43, of Stroh, died Sunday at 10 p.m. at the home of his sister.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Hindman Funeral Home in Hindman, Ky., with Rev. Archie Everage officiating. Burial will be in Everage Cemetery, Emmalena, Ky. Hutchins Funeral Home, Hindman, was in charge of local arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Leukemia Society.

Mr. Everage was born in Emmalena on Sept. 2, 1954. His parents were Daniel B. and Sadie (Godsey) Everage. He moved to Stroh 27 years ago and was employed at Swim Craft in Angola. He attended the Stroh Church of God.

Survivors include two sons, Mitchell L. Everage Jr., and Derek Everage, both of Stroh; a companion, Robin Hayes of Stroh; seven sisters, Mrs. Arthur (Louise) Mullins of Wolcottville, Mrs. Don (Mildred) Ritchie of Middlebury, Wilma Hayward of Garrett, Joalene Sizemore of Stroh, Mrs. Joe (Ada Mae) Everidge of LaGrange, Mrs. Larry (Betty) Jackson of Wolcottville, and Mrs. Ron (Nan) Everidge of Hudson; four brothers and three daughters-in-law, Joe Jr. and Polly Everage of Rome city, Don E. Everage of Hindman, Ky., Daymon and Blanche Everage of Emmalena, and Dana and Sandy Everage of Wawaka.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

May 21, 1998

Services today for Edward Gamble

Edward G. Gamble, 57, of Mansfield, Ohio, died Tuesday, May 19, at the home of his sister following an extended illness.

Memorial services will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors, conducted by Dan Dickman.

Memorial contributions may be made to MedCentral Home Health Care-Hospice.

Mr. Gamble was born May 27, 1930, in Shelby, Ohio, and lived in Garrett most of his life before returning to Mansfield in 1995. He retired from the B & O Railroad as an engineer. He was a member of the Elks #1447, VFW #1892, Eagles #1357, all in Garrett, and a veteran of the US Army, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include two sons, Mark Gamble of Arizona, and E. Scott Gamble of Delaware; two granddaughters in Delaware; a stepdaughter, Vicki Oertle of Shelby; two sisters, Lavina Bruce of Mansfield and Laura Tschanen of Willard, Ohio; and a brother, James Gamble of Crestline, Ohio.

May 21, 1998

Services held for Walter Greenwood

Walter L. Greenwood, 83, of ashley, died Saturday, May 16, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Wednesday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church with Pastor Wayne E. Rutz officiating. Burial was in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the DeKalb County Hospice or the church.

Mr. Greenwood was born in Steuben County on Dec. 17, 1914. His parents were Glenn and Edna (Lemmon) Greenwood. He was a truck driver for over 30 years. He and Martha Ellen Keck were married in the Avilla Lutheran Church on Nov. 25, 1937. She preceded him in death on May 12, 1997.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. John (Carol) Snyder of Auburn and Mrs. Jerry (Sharon) Ely of Pioneer, Ohio; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Don Greenwood; two sisters, Glida Lochamire and Olive Reese; and a granddaughter, Ramonda Jean Platter.

May 28, 1998

Father of George Schultz dies May 18

Walter C. Schultz, 92, of Crestwood, Ill., died Monday, May 18.

Services were held last Friday at Van Henkelum Funeral Home and at St. Alexander Church. Interment was in St. Benedict Cemetery.

He was a member of the Garrett Elks Lodge.

Survivors include Elizabeth, his wife of 70 years; four children, George of Garrett, Walter "Bud" of Yorba Linda, Calif.; Betty Rushworth of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Richard "Dick" of Crestwood, Ill.; 19 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several brothers and sisters.

June 4, 1998

Services held for Ruth Anna Nichols

Ruth Anna Nichols, 50, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at a later date in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be given to Fox Island or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Nichols was born in Fort Wayne and formerly lived in Garrett. Shewas a monographic cataloger at Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne campus, for five years and was a new store coordinator at the K-Mart Distribution Center for 19½ years. Her husband, Vilmer L. Nichols, preceded her in death in 1991.

Survivors include her father, Howard W. Clem of Fort Wayne.

June 4, 1998

Services today for Howard Meadows

Howard Meadows, 79, of Auburn, died Monday at 1:55 a.m. at Auburn Healthcare.

Services will be held today at 2:30 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Kenneth Queener officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Mr. Meadows was born Feb. 19, 1919, in Menifee County, Ky. He retired from Messenger Corp. with 21 years of service.

Survivors include a half-brother, Alfred Fields of Garrett; three half-sisters, Grace Helton and Pauline Carpenter, both of Auburn, and Eva Mason of Angola; and an uncle, Oscar Wells of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Annie Fields, and a half-brother, Dorsey Fields.

June 8, 1998

Services today for Edith Yarde, 89

Edith L. Yarde, 89, of Avilla and formerly of Garrett, died Friday at her home.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Yarde was born March 28, 1909, in DeKalb County. Her parents were Lee and Edna (Brace) Wilmot. She and John Yarde were married June 25, 1927, in Garrett Methodist Church parsonage. He preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 1995. She was a homemaker and member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren. She was a member of the Keyser Township Homemakers Club, the Republican Women's Club, the Garrett Garden Club and the Garrett Business and Professional Women's Club.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Alice Yarde of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Doris and Carl Gerber of Garrett and Nancy and Don Potter of Fort Wayne; one brother, Paul Wilmot of Garrett; 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Leroy, Arthur and Durward Wilmot.

June 8, 1998

Services held for Barbara Joyce Reuss

Barbara Joyce Reuss, 74, of Black Point Road, Putnam and Boca Raton, Fla., passed away Tuesday, June 2, at her Putnam residence.

Funeral services were held Friday at Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home in Ticonderoga, N.Y., with Rev. Paul L. Dufford, Jr., and Rev. William G. Muench officiating. Burial was in the family plot of the Valley View Cemetery of Ticonderoga. Mrs. Reuss was born in Garrett on Nov. 28, 1923, to Orin Chester and Margaret (Heinlein) Clark.

Mrs. Reuss began her secretarial career for the Clark Truck & Tractor Co., of Garrett. After her marriage she move to New York City with her husband and worked for the Rubin H. Donnelly Co., of New York City for many years before moving to Long Island. She then began working for the Half Hollow Hills School District of Long Island in the Library and the Guidance Department for many years before her retirement.

She is survived by her husband, Charles A. Reuss, Sr.; two sons, Clark Alan Reuss of Boca Raton, Fla., and Charles A. Reuss, Jr., of Cambridge; and two sisters, Judith Clark Morrill of Garrett and Marjorie Lash of Clarksdale, Ariz.

June 8, 1998

Services Tuesday for Kitty Bartels, 71

Kate G. "Kitty" Bartels, 71, of Auburn, died Saturday at 6:58 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Multiple Sclerosis.

Mrs. Bartels was born May 18, 1927, in Danzig, Germany. Her parents were Erich M. and Bertha G. (Gerlach) Kosel. She and Ervin Bartels were married on Dec. 6, 1948, in Heidelberg, Germany. He survives. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jerald H. Bartels.

Surviving with her husband are one brother, Helmut H. Kosel of Jonesboro, Ind.; one sister, Helen G. Smith of Chicago; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

June 18, 1998

Services conducted for Vera Ranney

Vera E. Ranney, 80, of Auburn, died Saturday at 1 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home.

Services were held Tuesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. Rick Garmon officiating.. Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery, south of Garrett.

Preferred memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Ranney was born March 24, 1918, in Auburn. Her parents were Leroy E. and Anna R. (Jackson) Haywood. She and Ronald D. Ranney were married March 19, 1943, in Angola. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Survivors include three sons, Dave Porter of Angola, Ronald Ranney II of Vero Beach, Fla., and James Ranney of Springfield, Ohio; two daughters, Ruth Anne Weilbaker of Auburn and Christie Heiman of Garrett; one brother, Robert Haywood of Auburn; two sisters, Ruth Groves of Leo and Ester Read of LaPorte; 19 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

June 18, 1998

Services held for Dale Lockwood

Dale O. Lockwood, 83, of rural Auburn, died Saturday at 5 p.m. at his home.

Services were held Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. William Caster officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be given to the Bar-None Saddle Club or the DeKalb County Draft Horse Association.

Mr. Lockwood is best known in the Garrett area as "the man with the ponies" who brought Santa Claus to Garrett each year to officially open the holiday season.

Mr. Lockwood was born March 12, 1915, in Auburn. His parents were Bert and Nettie (Olinger) Lockwood. He and Wanda Seavers were married July 22, 1948, in Angola. She survives. He was a troubleshooter for the Indiana Bell telephone Co. for 38 years, retiring in 1974. He also served in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army in World War II.

Mr. Lockwood was a member of the auburn First United Methodist Church, Telephone Pioneers of America, Auburn American Legion Post 97, DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, Draft Pony Association of Indiana, Bar-None Saddle Club of Auburn, DeKalb County Draft Horse Association, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Association and Circus Museum of Baraboo, Wisc. Dale was a captain and former member of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Posse and a former member of the DeKalb County Fair Association.

He was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Indiana Association of County and District Fairs in 1997.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Terry Lockwood of Auburn; a foster son, Maurice Ordway of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Vic Perkins, Tamara Harris and Lance and Kent Ordway.

He was preceded in death by one sister and brother-in-law, Georgia and Carl Dennison.

June 18, 1998

Services today for Beatrice Sparks

Beatrice B. Sparks, 91, died Sunday at 9:45 p.m. at the Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. She had been living at Grace Village Health Care Center and formerly lived in Garrett.

Services will be conducted today at 10 a.m. at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with Rev. William Kaiser officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be given to Grace Village Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 337, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Mrs. Sparks was born March 4, 1907, in Amsterdam, Ohio. Her parents were Alexander and Margaret (Lees) Patrick. She and Rev. F. Hazen Sparks were married June 30, 1941. He preceded her in death in November, 1993.

Mrs. Sparks was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Warsaw and the United Methodist Women in Warsaw.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Sparks of Ceresco, Mich., and Paul Sparks of Garrett; two daughters, Patricia Meredith of St. Simon's Island, Ga., and Ruth Ochsenrider of Terre Haute; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.

June 22, 1998

Calling today for Mary Clabaugh

Mary A. Clabaugh, 83, died Friday at 8:20 a.m. at Woodview Healthcare in Fort Wayne. She formerly lived in Garrett until 1995.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and one hour before the services on Tuesday. Rosary services will be at 3:30 p.m. today. Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Jim Shafer officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to Masses, Alzheimer Association or American Heart Association.

Mrs. Clabaugh was born June 3, 1915, in Huntington. Her parents were George and Isabella (Karst) Yaste. She and Kenneth E. Clabaugh were married May 23, 1941. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1961. Mrs. Clabaugh worked as a secretary for the Four-County Vocational Co-op, retiring in 1982. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and Rosary Society.

Survivors include three daughters, Martha Rodenbeck of Fort Wayne, Peg Yarde of Fort Wayne, and Jean Klinker of Woodburn; one son, Jerry Clabaugh of Killeen, Tex.; three sisters, Martha Gentis of Garrett and Jan Spotts and Ruth Wasmuth, both of Huntington; one sister-in-law, Irene Yaste of Huntington; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

One brother, Charles Yaste, and one sister, Dorothy Shafer, preceded her in death.

June 22, 1998

Services held for Rev. James Johnson

The Rev. James R. Johnson, 76, of Kendallville, died Friday at 6:46 a.m. at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Services were held Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Rev. Mitch Patrick, Rev. Glen Patrick and Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Services were also held in Hindman Funeral Home, Hindman, Ky. Burial was in Laurel Fork Cemetery, Quicksand, Ky.

Rev. Johnson was born Aug. 30, 1921, in Wayland, Ky. His parents were William S. and Vina (Conley) Johnson. His first wife, May Goldie Ramey, preceded him in death in 1992. He and Mirtlee (Chaffins) Sparkman were married in 1992. She survives.

Rev. Johnson was a veteran of World War II as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He retired in 1986 from Teledyne in Lima, Ohio. He was a member of Unitd Baptist Rock of Ages Church in Rome City.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Noel Johnson of Garrett; three stepsons, Marvin Sparkman of Hueysville, Ky., Jimmy Sparkman of Kendallville, and Leo Sparkman of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Minnie Dean of Kendallville, and Christine Johnson; two sisters, three brothers, thee grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

June 22, 1998

Calling Tuesday for Vincent Cook

Vincent S. Cook, 80, of 18742 Coldwater Road, Huntertown, died Friday at 8 p.m. at his home. He formerly lived in Garrett.

Friends may call on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Masonic Services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday evening. Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral Home with Rev. Alan Black officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Cook was born Jan. 9, 1918, in Fort Wayne. His parents were Samuel and Esther (Dupont) Cook. He and Wanetta Miller were married in Fort Wayne on June 30, 1940. She preceded him in death on June 28, 1984. Mr. Cook was an engineer at G.E. in Fort Wayne for 41 years. He was a World War II U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was a member and past master of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge, York Rite and Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Club-KA9ULN.

Survivors include three sons, Steve Cook of Huntertown, Vincent Cook II of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Bruce Cook of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Carol Cooke-Minnix of Newburg; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

June 22, 1998

Calling Monday for Wanda McCart

Wanda B. McCart, 83, of Garrett, died Thursday at 9 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call today from 6-9 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and one hour before the services on Tuesday. Rosary Services will be at 7:30 p.m. this evening at the funeral home. Services will be held at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Auburn.

Mrs. McCart was born Nov. 18, 1914, in Cumberland County, Ill. Her parents were A.B. and Anna (Sims) Rhoades. She and Ray McCart were married in Washington, Ind., on Nov. 22, 1937. He survives. She worked as a private duty nurse for 30 years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving with her husband are one daughter, Wanda VanDevanter of Kirkland, Wash.; two sons, Thomas McCart of Tell City and Joseph McCart of Garrett; one sister, Hollys Cutts of Toledo, Ohio.; and three grandchildren, Molly McCart of Muncie, John McCart of Garrett and Tom McCart of Anaheim, Calif.

She was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.

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Services Tuesday for Mary Brandenburg

Mary C. Brandenburg, 90, died June 2 in Seattle, Wash., where she had resided for many years. She lived in Garrett for 26 years prior to moving to Seattle.

Graveside memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Christian Union Cemetery, with Dr. Larry Smith, pastor of the Garrett United Methodist Church, officiating.

McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Brandenburg was born in Italy on Oct. 28, 1907, to the late Ralph and Freda Chinella. She married Charles Henry Brandenburg in Chicago, Ill., on July 1, 1936. He preceded her in death in 1963.

She was a member of the Harmony Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Tri Kappa Sorority, Athena Literary Club and was active in the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a sister, Maria Rossi, and two brothers, John and Frank Chinella, all of Seattle, and several nieces and nephews.

June 25, 1998

Services held for Chad Chorpenning

Chad Eric Chorpenning, 24, of Hamilton, died Friday morning at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, Miss., from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Services were held Monday in the Hamilton Wesleyan Church with Rev. David Leitzel officiating. Burial was in Hamilton Cemetery. Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Chorpenning Family Education Fund, Gideon Bibles or the church building fund.

Mr. Chorpenning was born Sept. 28, 1973, in Angola to John L. and Norma J. (Hamman) Chorpenning. They survive in Hamilton. He and Cassondra Lee Shelton were married on July 19, 1993, in Angola. She survives. He was a plumber for John Chorpenning Plumbing and was a 1992 graduate of Hamilton High School.

Surviving with his wife and parents are one son, Dexter Reed Chorpenning, at home; four brothers, Gregory of Hamilton, Jeffrey of Angola, Michael of Garrett and Kevin of Philadelphia; a maternal grandmother, Dorothy Dirr of Hamilton; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

June 29, 1998

Services today for John Biedrzycki

John R. Biedrzycki, 92, died Wednesday at 1:40 p.m. at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne. He formerly lived in Garrett.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Calling will be at the church one hour before the services. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to Hospice or Masses.

Mr. Biedrzycki was born Sept. 19, 1905, in Garrett. His parents were John and Helen (Deuitch) Biedrzycki. He and Grace C. Leis were married Nov. 8, 1944, in Akron, Ohio. She survives. He retired in 1970 as a machinist for the B & O Railroad with 51 years of service. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and a 50 year member of the Garrett Knights of Columbus.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Robert T. Biedrzycki of Fort Wayne; a sister, Calamanda Nixon of Garrett; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Anthony, Frank, Paul, Theodore and Joseph Biedrzycki, and two sisters, Mary Schlotterer and sister Mary Cassimira.

June 29, 1998

Services held for Vincent S. Cook

Vincent S. Cook, 80, of 18742 Coldwater road, Huntertown, died Friday, June 19, at 8 p.m. at his home. He formerly lived in Garrett.

Services were held Tuesday, June 23, at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Alan Black officiating. Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery. Masonic Services were held Tuesday evening.

Mr. Cook was born Jan. 9, 1918, in Fort Wayne. His parents were Samuel and Esther (Dupont) Cook. He and Wanetta Miller were married in Fort Wayne on June 30, 1940. She preceded him in death on June 28, 1984. Mr. Cook was an engineer at G.E. in Fort Wayne for 41 years. He was a World War II U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was a member and past master of the Huntertown Masonic Lodge, York Rite and Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Club-KA9ULN.

Survivors include three sons, Steve Cook of Huntertown, vincent Cook II of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Bruce Cook of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Carol Cook-Minnix of Newburg; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death in 1958 by one sister, LaVon Vivian Miller, who had been an RN at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

July 2, 1998

Services today for Betty M. Motz, 75

Betty M. Motz, 75, of Fort Wayne, died Monday at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells Street, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Jefferson Chapel Cemetery, Whitley County.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Mrs. Motz was a native of Roanoke. She retired from ITT in 1984 after 36 years.

Survivors include her husband, Victor; four sons, Steve VanAllen of Garrett, David VanAllen of Fort Wayne, Gregg VanAllen of Rome City and Kevin VanAllen of Paw Paw, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Edward VanAllen, in 1984.

July 6, 1998

Services held for Robert LaRowe

Robert W. LaRowe, 75, of Garrett, died at his home at 2:30 a.m. Thursday.

Services were held Sunday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Graveside military services at Cedar Creek Cemetery were conducted by the Garrett American Legion.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Hospice.

Mr. LaRowe was born April 8, 1923, in Auburn, to Delbert and Mildred (Scott) LaRowe. His mother survives in Auburn. He and Marma J. "Norma" Speer were married March 5, 1990, in Auburn. She survives. His first wife, Lottie Jean (Ransom) LaRowe died in 1989. He was a World War II US Army veteran and a member of the Garrett American Legion and the First Church of Christ in Garrett. He retired from Dana Corp. after 30 years of services.

Surviving with his wife and mother are one daughter, Jeannine Griffin of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Helen "Bunny" Armstrong of Waterloow and Mary Cochran of Waterloo; five brothers, Allen and Paul LaRowe, both of Auburn, Dean LaRowe of Harrison, Mich., Ronald LaRowe of Stuart, Fla., and Billy LaRowe of Sevierville, Tenn.; two sisters, Charlotte Whittington of Auburn and Evelyn Russell of Mancelonia, Mich.; three grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

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Services held for Ted Bowser, 80

Theodore M. "Ted" Bowser, 80, of south of Garrett, died Wednesday at 3:12 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial was in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the National Kidney Foundation.

Mr. Bowser was born May 3, 1918, in Allen County to Ivan C. Bowser Sr. and Estella J. (Archer) Bowser. He was owner/operator of the Holiday Lakes Farm Market, south of Garrett, for 54 years. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion Post 178.

Survivors include five sons, Theodore M. Jr. of Butler, James E. of Auburn, Keith A. and Richard M., both of Garrett, and Phillip of Ixmiquilpan Hgo, Mexico; six daughter, Karen M. Maurer, Rose Ann Newman and Judy A. Miller, all of Garrett, Wanda L. Bowser of Auburn, Patricia Bowser of Georgia, and JoAnn Talbert of Tennessee; two brothers, Orlo Bowser of Huntertown and Junior D. Bowser of South Whitley; 30 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and one daughter.

July 6, 1998

Funeral today for Carol Rosenberg

Caroline Ruth "Carol" Rosenberg, 76, died Thursday at 9:15 p.m. at her home in Fort Wayne. She formerly lived in Garrett.

Services will be today at 1:30 p.m. at Lindenwood Cemetery Bohn Chapel with Rabbi Sandford Kopnick officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Community Harvest Food Bank at 999 East Tillman Road, Fort Wayne, or Achduth Vesholom Temple, 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rosenberg was born Nov. 15, 1921, in Bucyrus, Ohio. Her parents were Moses and Anna (Stern) Engelhard. She and Abner Rosenberg were marred June 30, 1946, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Aug. 29, 1989. She was a homemaker and worked at Stern's Women's Store in Garrett for 24 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of Achduth Vesholom Temple, Fort Wayne; an honorary member of Alpha Rho Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Garrett; and a volunteer at the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include a son, Sanford E. "Sandy" Rosenberg of Carmel; a daughter, Susan Bayes of Garrett; a granddaughter, Christi Metzger of Garrett; a grandson, Dustin Hoffman of Garrett; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Alfred Engelhard.

July 6, 1998

Funeral conducted for Mary Smith

Mary L. Smith, 60, of Garrett, died Wednesday at 3:50 p.m. at her home.

Graveside services were held Friday at Christian Union Cemetery with Rev. Arthur Ferry officiating. Feller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Mrs. Smith was born May 18, 1938, in Kendallville. Her parents are Jesse and Lucille (Bowman) Wagner of Kendall-ville. She and Everett R. "Bob" Smith were married March 16, 1957, in Kendallville. He also survives. Mrs. Smith was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Surviving with her husband and parents are one son, Michael L. Smith of Mesa, Ariz.; one daughter, Brenda Marks of Hamilton; one brother, Frank Wagner of Kendallville; one sister, Ruth Thomas of Kendallville; and five grandchildren, Jeff, Jason and Jessica Treesh, and Carrie Marks and Mark Marks, Jr.

July 9, 1998

Services held for Donald Imhoff

Donald Dean Imhoff, 73, of Garrett, died Saturday at 6:35 a.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Rev. William R. Kaster officiating. Burial was in Cedar Creek Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Imhoff was born Jan. 2, 1925, in Pleasant Lake. His parents were Xenophon and Letha (Coney) Imhoff. He and Edith S. Keller were married Jan. 1, 1946, in West Allis, Wisc. She preceded him in death on Nov. 2, 1996. Mr. Imhoff retired in 1983 after 40 years of service as an inspector for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion Post 178 and a mixed bowling league.

Survivors include two sisters, LaVonne D. Gibson of Pleasant Lake and Evelyn M. Knight of Warsaw; two nieces, Glenda Gibson and Gena Gibson, both of Angola; and two nephews, Bruce Gibson of Wake Forest, N.C., and Aaron Shultz of Warsaw.

July 13, 1998

Calling Tuesday for Polly Davis

Polly Davis, 76, of Auburn, died Saturday at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Calling will be one hour before the services and on Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Riley Children's Hospital or to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Davis was born in Breathitt County, Ky. Her husband, Lee, died in 1983.

Survivors include one son, Frank Davis of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Wanda Davis of Garrett and Patricia Guerin of Auburn; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

July 16, 1998

Private services for James Cusick, 64

James J. Cusick, 64, died Monday at 5:40 p.m. at Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for two years.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery. There is no calling. Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the Auburn American Legion Building Fund.

Mr. Cusick was born April 1, 1934, in Lisbon, Ohio. His parents were Oswell Hasting and Elda May (Malone) Cusick. He and Anita Morey were married May 22, 1954, in East Palestine, Ohio. She survives in Garrett. Mr. Cusick was a heavy equipment operator for several area construction companies. He served in the US Navy from 1953 to 1957, and in the US Army from 1961 to 1963.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Gary B. of Garrett, and a son and daughter-in-law, James A. and Lori Cusick of Auburn; two daughters, Brenda Bowers of Waterloo and Cheryl Craig of Auburn; five brothers, Bill and Wayne of Pennsylvania, Lee of Arizona, Allen of Fort Wayne, and Glen of Lisbon, Ohio; six sisters, Mary of Rogers, Ohio, Ellen of Virginia, Helen of California, Jane of Fort Wayne, and Marilyn and Shirley, both of Lisbon, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Timothy; two brothers, Carl and Earl; and two sisters, Lois and Florence.

July 16, 1998

Joshua Long, 16, victim of shooting

Joshua Long, 16, of Garrett, was the victim of a shooting in Gastonia, N.C., on Tuesday.

He is the son of Randy Long of Jonesboro, Ark., and Geraldine (Hammond) Long of Garrett. His step-father is Jim Graham. He is also survived by his grandparents, Robert and Jenny Hammond of Sun City, Ariz., and Ruth Turnipseed of Jonesboro, Ark.

Joshua was a student at Garrett High School and would have been a sophomore this fall.

Friends may call at McKee-Miles Funeral Home on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

July 20, 1998

Services held for Marjorie Rogers

Marjorie Ann (Huffman) Rogers, 72, died Thursday in Cockeysville, Maryland.

Services were held Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cockeysville. Ruck Funeral Home in Towson, Maryland, were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Rogers was born Sept. 29, 1925, in Garrett. Her parents were Ralph and Ann (Skilling) Huffman. She was married to Earl Rogers. He survives. Mrs. Rogers graduated from Garrett High School in 1943. She attended Indiana University.

Surviving with her husband are four children, Steve, Tom, Cathy, and Bill; and several grandchildren.

July 20, 1998

Services held for Paul E. Swonger

Paul E. Swonger, 75, of 1498 CR 54, Garrett, died Thursday at 5:30 a.m. at his home.

Services were held Saturday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Wee Haven Workshop in Garrett.

Mr. Swonger was born Oct. 30, 1922, in Pratt, Kans. His parents were Floyd and Helen (Campbell) Swonger. He and Kathryn Randol were married March 6, 1944. She preceded him in death on March 9, 1998. He retired in 1985 after 42 years with General Electric in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

Survivors include one daughter, Diana Custer of Garrett; two sons, Dale Swonger and David Swonger, both of Garrett; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a half-brother, George Dusing.

July 20, 1998

Joshua Long, 16, killed in robbery

Joshua Long, 16, was shot to death in a robbery in Gastonia, N.C., last Tuesday, according to police.

The youth, who would have been a sophomore at Garrett High School this fall, was visiting relatives in Gastonia when the shooting occurred.

Joshua and his cousin, Nick Hammond, and Nick's wife, Crystal, were walking to the Hammond home at about 4:30 a.m. when they were approached by three teenagers who demanded their wallets. One of the teens pulled a gun. Joshua, Nick and Crystal started to run when Nick was shot in the back. Joshua stopped to assist Nick when he was shot.

The three assailants chased Joshua, Nick and Crystal near their home and fired shots into the house.

Joshua died later at Gastonia Memorial Hospital. Nick underwent surgery and was listed in fair condition. Crystal escaped with no injuries.

Three teens from the Charlotte, N.C., area were arrested and charged with murder, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, discharging a firearm into an occupied property, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill while inflicting serious injury, and conspiracy to commit robbery.

Christopher Lee Lipscomb, 17, Antoria Maurice Smarr, 16, and a 15-year-old, were arrested after police received a tip.

Services for Joshua will be held this morning at 10:30 a.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Geraldine (Hammond) Long and Jim Graham of Auburn; his father, Randy Long of Jonesboro, Ariz.; and grandparents, Robert and Jenny Hammond of Sun City, Ariz., and formerly of Garrett, and Ruth Turnipseed of Jonesboro.

July 27, 1998

Services held for Joseph E. Smith

Joseph E. Smith, 57, of Elkhart, died Friday, July 17, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Community Hospital, Mishawaka.

Services were held last Monday St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mishawaka, with Rev. Kenneth Mangelsdorf officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Bubb Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Peter Lutheran Church and Ancilla Health Care.

Mr. Smith was born April 3, 1941, in Garrett, to Howard and Iona (Diederich) Smith. His mother survives. He and Sharon Hobbs were married Oct. 11, 1969, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Mr. Smith was a sales manager with John Hancock, Union Central, Yoder & Co. and Ohio National Insurance companies. He taught classes for LUTC and CLU and insurance licensing classes and continuing education classes at IUSB.

Serviving with his wife and mother are one daughter, Christina of Terre Haute; one son, Curtis of Elkhart; on sister, Kelley of Kansas City, Mo.; and one brother, John Smith, of Garrett.

July 27, 1998

Memorial services planned for Edward Shenk, 84

F. Edward Shenk, 84, died Thursday at 4 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be held at Shenk Airport, 6117 CR 3, Garrett, on Monday, Aug. 3, at 1 p.m. with Glenn Mulligan officiating. Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to Shriner's Children's Hospital or Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

He was the owner and operator of Shenk Airport for 52 years. He also served on the DeKalb County Council for 12 years and managed the DeKalb County Airport for 1½ years.

Mr. Shenk was born Dec. 14, 1913, in Auburn. His parents were Frank and Agnes (Thibaut) Shenk. He and Audra Frazier were married Aug. 17, 1933, in Eel River Baptist Church, Churubusco. She survives.

Mr. Shenk also was a civilian foreman of maintenance for flight testing at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, during World War II. He received the Worthy Charles Taylor Award for 50 years of mechanical service for the Federal Aviation Administration.

He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren, Huntertown Masonic Lodge 589, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Shrine Club, Cedar Creek Shrine Club, Flying Shriners, Quiet Birdmen and Flying Octogenarians.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Bill Shenk of Bosman, Md.; one daughter, Karen Moore of Goshen; one brother, Lee Shenk of LaOtto; five grandchildren, Chuck and Jim Shenk, Darby Moore-Doyle, and Paige and Yancy Moore; and six great-grandchildren.

July 27, 1998

Services held for Suzanne Kock

Suzanne K. Kock of 201 S. River Road, North Manchester,, died Wednesday at 1:55 a.m. at her home.

Services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. An Eastern Star services was held Friday evening at the funeral home.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Wabash County Cancer Society.

Mrs. Kock was born Jan. 29, 1947, in Wabash County, to Forrest and Vivian (Reed) Weller. Her mother survives. She and Michael L. Kock were married Nov. 24, 1965, in North Manchester. He survives. She was a 1965 graduate of Manchester High School. She was a co-owner of Teddy's & Treasures in North Manchester. Mrs. Kock was a member of the North Manchester United Methodist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star #69 in North Manchester.

Surviving with her husband and mother are three sons, Jeff, Christopher and Chad, all of North Manchester; one sister, Janet Norrid of Tampa, Fla.; one brother, Stanley Weller of Atlanta, Ga.; and one grandchild.

July 30, 1998

Services today for Thelma Trowbridge

Thelma C. Trowbridge died Monday at 4:41 a.m. at Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center on her 87th birthday.

Services will be held today at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the church or to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Trowbridge was born on July 27, 1911, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were John and Catherine (Ebner) Schmidt. She and Jack D. Trowbridge were married on June 29, 1935, in Toledo, Ohio. He preceded her in death on May 15, 1988. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and its Rosary Sodality, Harvest House and a former member of the Housewives Bowling League and the Friday Night Bowling League.

Survivors include seven daughters and sons-in-law, Pat and George Brumbaugh and Helen and Garth Gillespie, all of Garrett, Donna and Norman Conrad and Janet and Tom McKinley, all of Kendallville, Judith and Michael Pretschold of Mt. Prospect, Ill., Jean and Don Fredrickson of Avilla and Karen and Allan Conrad of Elkhart; three sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence and Nyda Trowbridge, Steven and Pamela Trowbridge and Daniel and Dena Trowbridge, all of Kendallville; 32 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, eight brothers and two sisters.

July 30, 1998

Terry McDermott dies from injuries in tragic accident

Terry P. McDermott, 36, of Auburn, died Monday at 10:34 p.m. from head injuries he suffered in a tragic two-car accident last Thursday night.

He had been in very critical condition since the accident. He was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following the accident on SR 8, just west of CR 15.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 500 East 7th Street, Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph Catholic School or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mr. McDermott was born Feb. 22, 1962, in Garrett, to Patrick J. and Laura (Livergood) McDermott. His mother survives.

He was employed as superintendent of maintenance at the Auburn Foundry. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Surviving with his mother are three brothers, James J. McDermott of Chicago, Ill., Frank J. McDermott of Atlanta, Ga., and John D. McDermott of Louisville, Ky; and one sister, Dorothy M. McNerney of Carmel.

July 30, 1998

Calling today for Maurice Terry

Maurice W. Terry, 85, of LaOtto, died Tuesday at 4:55 p.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be held at the funeral home with Rev. Jeremy Russell officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

Mr. Terry was born April 11, 1913, in Butler Township. His parents were Ora and Edith (Lahnam) Terry. He and Irene Farrington were married Jan. 1, 1937, in Jackson Township. She survives. He retired from Dana Corp. in 1974 after 16 years of service. He was a lifetime Keyser Township farmer. Mr. Terry was a member of the Dana Retirees Association.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Roger Terry of Garrett; four daughters, Janet Peters of Chicago, Ill., Sherrill Peters of Auburn, and Sandra Terry and Joan Ice, both of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert.

July 30, 1998

Services held for Gary Arnos, 57

Gary W. Arnos, 57, of Snow Lake died Saturday at 6:53 p.m. at his home.

Services were held Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Burial was in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the American Heart Association.

Mr. Arnos was born Sept. 24, 1940, in New Haven. His parents were Russell and Celia (Orlowski) Arnos. He graduated from Woodburn High School and was retired after 25 years at International Harvester. Mr. Arnos was owner of Stuckey Archery in New Haven. He was a member of the Angola Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Lois (Bailey); two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Tony Curtland of Garrett and Stacey and Tony Pellicca of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Trina Arnos of Fremont; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Betty Arnos, David and Leila Arnos, and Dale and Doris Arnos, all of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Gilbert Hoffman of Woodburn; and five grandchildren.

Aug 3, 1998

Services held for Thelma Carper

Thelma B. Carper, 89, of Garrett, died Wednesday at 7:20 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services were held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mrs. Carper was born June 23, 1909, in Fairfield Center. Her parents were Harvey and Eva (Gardner) Zonker. She and Lloyd C. Carper were married July 19, 1934, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on April 14, 1985. Mrs. Carper was retired from Greenhurst Country Club in 1965 after 10 years of service.

Survivors include one son, Gene Carper of Auburn; one daughter, Jan Carper of Garrett; two grandchildren, Robert E. Carper of Auburn and Debbie J. Jordan of Bryan, Ohio; and two great-grandchildren, Kevin and Jenny Carper of Auburn.

Aug 3, 1998

Services today for George Traster, 71

George D. Traster, 71, of Auburn, died Thursday at 10:13 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be held today at 10 a.m. at Christian Union Cemetery with the Garrett American Legion and VFW performing the military services.

Mr. Traster was born Dec. 6, 1926, in Mishawaka. His parents were Russell D. and Goldie (Kalbe) Traster. His first wife, Della J. Rowe, preceded him in death on April 26, 1973. His second wife, Marcia Lee Boyce, survives. He worked at Warner Gear in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1983. He was a member of the Garrett American Legion and Eagles. He was a WW II US Army veteran.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Mirth of Garrett; two daughters, Starr Garrett of Garrett and Jocelyn Story of fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a sister, Ruth Baysinger of Auburn.

Aug 6, 1998

Services held for Leone Roseberry

Leone C. Roseberry, 85, of Ault, Colo., died last Thursday at Spring Creek Health Care Center at Fort Collins, Colo. She was a former Garrett resident.

A Memorial Mass was held Tuesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ault, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Spring Creek Health Care Center in care of Stoddard Funeral Home, 1205 West 28th Street, Greeley, CO 80631.

Mrs. Roseberry was born March 13, 1913, in Garrett. Her parents were Mary Jane (Baker) and James A. Comiskey. She and John L. Roseberry, Jr., were married Sept. 16, 1937, in Auburn. He preceded her in death.

After Mr. and Mrs. Roseberry were married they went into ranching on the Roseberry Ranch, north of Mullen, Neb., and their own ranch, north of Whitman, Neb. In 1947, they moved to Loveland, Colo., where they owned and operated Fort Namaqua. For the last 48 years, she had lived on the farm east of Pierce. She formerly was a bookkeeper in Indiana. She was also a journalist for the North Weld Herald and the Greeley Tribune for approximately 26 years.

Mrs. Roseberry was a member of the East Side Birthday Club of Pierce and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ault.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Patti Roseberry and Darrell Anderson of Ault and Alecia and Bill Doughty of Greeley, Colo.; and five grandchildren, Fawn Leaf, Casey Keener, Andy Doughty, Stacey Keever and Matt Doughty; and five great-grandchildren.

Aug 13, 1998

Calling Friday for Jack R. Hicks, 61

Jack R. Hicks, 61, died Wednesday at his home in Corunna.

Friends may call at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Services will be held at the funeral home on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. with Don Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Mr. Hicks was born April 4, 1937. His parents were Samuel and Rhoda (Ramey) Hicks. He and Mary (Miller) DePew were married Nov. 19, 1968, in Rome city. She survives. Mr. Hicks was employed by M.C.I. as a field engineer.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Ralph DePew of Corunna and Steve DePew of Kendallville; three brothers, Hance Hicks and Leon Hicks, both of Kendallville, and Axley (Tootie) Hicks of Garrett; seven sisters, Louise Mullins of Raysal, W.Va., Fristeen Handshoe of Tenn., Faye Centers of Ohio, Roxie Probst and Barbara Wells, both of Kendallville, Peggy Bolen of Monroe, Va., and Bonnie DePew of Corunna; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Aug 13, 1998

Services held for Chalmer Carper

Chalmer L. Carper, 80, died Saturday at Auburn Health care Center. He was an Auburn native.

Services were held Tuesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Carper retired in 1983 after 36 years as service engineer at the Fort Wayne Dana Corp.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma of Auburn; one daughter, Lisa Bowser of Auburn; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Lana Yarian, in 1985.

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Services held for Donald Winebrenner

Donald H. Winebrenner, 71, of Garrett, died Thursday at 10:05 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services were held Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Lloyd Turnbull officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Stroke Support Group, 2622 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, or the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Winebrenner was born June 29, 1927, in Garrett. His parents were C. Edison and Stella W. (Hartman) Winebrenner. He and Eunice Joyce Bonnell were married on July 3, 1950, in Fort Wayne. She survives. He was a draftsman for Indiana & Michigan Power Co., retiring in 1989 with 38 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Mr. Winebrenner was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church and the American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

Surviving with his wife are one daughter, Donna J. O'Dell of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, Gerald E. and Debra J. Winebrenner of Janesville, Wisc.; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert E. and Mary Jane Winebrenner of Garrett; and four grandchildren, Sean and Shannon O'Dell, both of Auburn; and Christian and Jeremiah Winebrenner, both of Janesville.

Aug 17, 1998

Services Tuesday for Esther Baumgardner

Esther M. Baumgardner, 85, died Sunday at Merrillville.

Friends may call Tuesday from 12-2 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Mrs. Baumgardner was born Aug. 12, 1913, in Texas. Her parents were Alton and Magdeline (Kell) Harding. Her husband, Nolan Baumgardner preceded her in death. She was a former member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett. Mrs. Baumgardner was a registered nurse.

Survivors include one son, Robert Baumgardner of Hobart; one granddaughter, Cheryl Zubel of Merrillville; one grandson, Mark Baumgardner of Crown Point and four great-grandchildren.

Aug 17, 1998

Services today for Audrey Hickman

Audrey I. Hickman, 91, of Garrett died Thursday at 8:04 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Graveside services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Calvary Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the First Church of Christ or Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. Hickman was born Jan. 8, 1907, in Auburn. Her parents were William and Estella (Kraft) Shoudel. She and Ralph M. Hickman were married May 31, 1928, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1961. She worked at the DeKalb County Advertiser for 15 years and then worked at Sacred Heart Hospital in the diet kitchen from 1963 to 1973. She retired in 1973. Mrs. Hickman was a member of the First Church of Christ.

Survivors include three granddaughters, Cynthia Cannon of St. Charles, Ill., Belinda Johnston of Elgin, Ill., and Melissa Hickman, Lake In The Hills, Ill.; one grandson, Jeffrey Hickman of Champaign, Ill.; a daughter-in-law, Betty Heckman of Commerce, Ga.; one brother, John Shoudel of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Eva Reffner of Garrett; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jacques Hickman on Jan. 15, 1998, and two sisters, Harriett Woodcok and Thelma Cope, and one brother, Charles Shoudel.

Aug 17, 1998

Calling Tuesday for Joseph Newbauer, 78

Joseph J. Newbauer, 78, died Saturday at 12:29 p.m. at Cameron Hospital, Angola. He lived in Garrett.

Friends may call on Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. A Wake Service will be held on Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Graveside military services by the Garrett American Legion and VFW will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Newbauer was born Oct. 6, 1919, in Garrett. His parents were Joseph T. and Carrie (Schultess) Newbauer. He and Phyllis J. Postema were married Nov. 23, 1974, in Gaylord, Mich. She survives.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, a lifetime member of the Garrett American Legion and VFW, and a member of the Garrett Eagles.

A US WW II Army veteran, he was president of the 389th Field Artillery Battalion, 97th Infantry Division Association. As the president of this organization, Joe placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Va. He had 43 years of service with the B & O Railroad, retiring in 1979 as Road foreman of engines.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Joe Newbauer of Saginaw, Mich., and Tom Newbauer of Indianapolis; two daughter, Karen Jo Renner of Fort Wayne, and Marilyn Culler of Garrett; two step-sons, Robert Eyler and Todd Postema, both of Las Vegas, N.V.; two step-daughters, Pamula Postema of Mansfield, Ohio, and Peggy Moore of the Netherlands; six grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Kathryn Rex of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a half-brother, Melvin Showers, and a half-sister, Thelma Matyjasik.

Aug 20, 1998

Services today for Vernon Loutzenhiser

Vernon J. Loutzenhiser, 84, died Monday at 11:28 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor where he had resided since 1981.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery. Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. this morning at the church. Feller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Miller's Merry Manor.

Mr. Loutzenhiser was born April 9, 1914, in Garrett. His parents were Van and Maude (Mountz) Loutzenhiser. He was self-employed and owner of P & C Electric in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1986.

Survivors include one brother, Beryl Loutzenhiser of Garrett; and two sisters, Vera Whittecar of Grand Blanc, Mich., and Gretchen VaGilder of Irons, Mich.

Aug 20, 1998

Services Friday for Richard D. Wilson

Richard D. Wilson, 53, of Angola, died Monday at his home.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, with a Moose service at 6:30 p.m. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mr. Wilson was born in Bluffton. He worked at Owen-Corning Company in Angola. He was past commander for the Sons of the American Legion.

Surviving are his parents, Dean E. and Margaret L. Wilson of Angola; three sons, Scott and Jeff, both of Garrett, and David of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Steven of Tucumcari, N.M., and Robert of Angola; two sisters, Carla Berndt of Fremont and Barbara Steele of Angola; and one grandchild.

Aug 24, 1998

Calling today for Phyllis Campbell

Phyllis L. Campbell, 75, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Friday at her daughter's home in Fort Wayne. She is formerly of Garrett.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler. Services will be held Tuesday at the funeral home with Rev. Robert Hudson officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Lake James Christian Assembly.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Garrett on May 31, 1923. Her parents were Addie (Greene) and Ross H. Mann. She and Jack Campbell were married March 9, 1946, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Dec. 26, 1983. Mrs. Campbell graduated from Garrett High School in 1941. She enlisted in the Navy Waves in 1945. After graduating from Ball State University, she became a teacher. She retired in 1988 after 24 years of teaching. She was honored at Hamilton Elementary School in 1985 as Teacher of the Year.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin Campbell of Charlotte, N.C., and Steven Campbell of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Shawn Stiver of Fort Wayne, Debra Hatter of Charlotte, N.C., Jacalyn Bevington of St. Joe, and Stacey Bernard of Auburn; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jeffrey, in 1961, and two grandchildren.

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Aug 27, 1998

Calling today for Alda Hovarter

Alda Rose Hovarter, 79, died Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at her home in Garrett.

Friends may call today from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A Rosary service will be at 6:30 p.m. this evening at the funeral home. Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic School or to Masses.

Mrs. Hovarter was born Oct. 29, 1918, in Auburn. Her parents were George and Helen (Abel) Mansfield. She and Leo C. Hovarter were married on Nov. 15, 1941, in Crown Point. He preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 1946. Mrs. Hovarter worked for Essex in Auburn for eight years, retiring in 1981. She was a member of St. Joseph Church and was a charter member and past president of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Rosary Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Higgins and Cynthia Steward, both of Garrett; two brothers, George Mansfield and Charles Mansfield, both of Garrett; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hovarter was preceded in death by two sisters, Evelyn Pritchett and Corinne Mansfield.

Aug 27, 1998

Services held for Harry Kees, 67

Harry L. Kees, 67, of Garret died Sunday at 7:27 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospita Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednes day at the First Church of Chris with Lloyd Mealer officiating McComb, Dilgard & Cline Fu neral Home, Auburn, was i charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given t the church, the DeKalb County Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Mr. Kees was born Jan. 7, 19431, in St. Joe. His parents were George H. and Wilma M. (Magers) Kees. He and Doris L. Newcomer were married on Oct. 31, 1952, in Garrett. She survives. Mr. Kees retired in 1993 with 28 years of service as a mechanic for General Motors Truck and Bus Division in Pontiac, Mich.

Mr. Kees attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett, and was a member of the UAW 594 in Pontiac.

Surviving with his wife are one son, Dennis Kees of Waterford, Mich.; one daughter, Nancy Thompson of Metamora, Mich.; one brother, Samuel Kees of Hamilton; three sisters, Betty DeLucenay and Nelda Shafer, both of Garrett, and Bonnie Crabill of Butler; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

Aug 27, 1998

Services today for Carol Wright, 45

Carol J. (Freeman) Wright, 45, of Fort Wayne, died at her home on Sunday.

Mass of Christian burial will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with calling one hour before the services. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla. D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Wright was born in Garrett to William and Evelyn Freeman. She was co-owner of the St. James Restaurant in Avilla.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis L. Wright; her mother, Evelyn Freeman of Avilla; one daughter, Christi L. Fisher of Fort Wayne; two sons, Aaron M. Fisher and Chad V. Wright, both of Fort Wayne; one sister, Jeanne Carteaux of Columbus; and three brothers, William Freeman, Thomas Freeman and Robert Freeman, all of Avilla.

Aug 27, 1998.

Services today for Fred A.Guiff, 100

Fred A. Guiff, 100, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 1:25 a.m. Monday, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, where he had been a patient since February.

Funeral services will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Victor Seivers officiating.

Memorial may be director to Whitley Home Health, Columbia City.

Mr. Guiff was born in Eel River Township in Allen County on March 25, 1898. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Fulk) Guiff. He and Bernice Shlater were married on Dec. 25, 1920. She preceded him in death on Sept. 11, 1989. Mr. Guiff was a farmer in Swan Township in Noble County for most of his life, retiring in 1965.

Survivors include a son, Richard E. Guiff of Churubusco; four daughters, Mrs. Charles (Ila) Brumbaugh of Kendallville, Mrs. Rodney (Janice) Lansaw of Churubusco, Mrs. Raymond (Jeanette) Witte of Tupelo, Miss., and Genevieve Martin of Cromwell; a brother, James Guiff of Churubusco; 18 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ila E. Parker, and two brothers, Edward Guiff and Jacob Guiff.

Aug 27, 1998

Services Friday for Beverly Johnston

Beverly Ellen Johnston, 80, of Fort Wayne, died Monday at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Klaehn, Fahl, Melton Funeral Home Wayne Street Chapel in Fort Wayne. Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Allen County Heart Association or the First Christian Church.

Mrs. Johnston was born in Garrett. Her parents were Walter and Estella Burtch. She and Kenneth Johnston were married on Sept. 7, 1940. He survives. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Lifetime member of the P.T.A., a member of the Topps Club and a Pinochle Club.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, David J. Johnston of Fort Wayne, and Dr. John A. Johnston of Indianapolis; two sisters, Doris McIntosch and Judy Lewellyn, both of Garrett; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild.

Sept 3, 1998

Services today for William Angel

William E. Angel, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells Street, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association.

Mr. Angel was born Dec. 14, 1919, in Fort Wayne. He was a forklift driver for the Kmart warehouse and retired in 1984 after 30 years of service. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include his wife, Almeda; one son, Michael Angel of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Marian Brown, Ida Mae Barrand and Shirley Creason, all of Fort Wayne, and Lillian Stitz of Burbank, Calif.; and five brothers, Charles Angel and Donald Angel, both of Fort Wayne, Jack Angel of Garrett, Jerry Angel of Rome City, and Larry angel of Denver, Colo.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert, Amsy and Thomas Jr.; and a sister, Dorothy Cattin.

Sept 3, 1998

Services held for Linda Gay Bayes

Miss Linda Gay Bayes, 36, a resident of The Goodrich House in Fort Wayne, died Friday at 8:20 p.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton with Mark Dauterman officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Preferred memorials are to the Wells County Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Miss Bayes was born March 9, 1962. Her parents were Henry and Gracie (Fry) Bayes. She was a victim of cerebral palsy. Miss Bayes attended the First Church of Christ in Bluffton.

Survivors include six brothers, Michael Ray Bayes of Garrett, Roger, John, Jerry and David Bayes, all of Fort Wayne, and Ronnie Bayes of Zephyr Hills, Fla; and four sisters, Brenda Abernathy of Bluffton, and Arlene Copeland and Charlene Fry, both of Fort Wayne.

Sept 3, 1998

Services held for John Spencer, 80

John W. Spencer, 80, of died last Friday at 10:30 p.m. at Norfolk Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

Full military services were held Tuesday at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Norfolk.

Mr. Spencer was born June 22, 1918, in Garrett. His parents were Jasper (Jep) and Beatrice (Bea) (Strawser) Spencer. He was retired from the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, four children, five grandchildren; three sisters, Eleanor Smith and June Weller, both of Garrett, and Betty Harris of Mt. Prospect, Ill.; and one brother, Robert Spencer of Hollester, Mo.

Sept 3, 1998

Services pending for Evelyn Ditmars, 86

Evelyn Ida Gulick Ditmars, 86, died Monday at 8:30 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Graveside services are pending at Somerville, N.J., at Cusick Funeral Home. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, was in charge of local calling and arrangements.

Mrs. Ditmars was born Sept. 20, 1911, in Piscataway, N.J. Her parents were Chauncey and Mary (McCollough) Gulick. She and John M. Ditmars were married on May 10, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1983.

Mrs. Ditmars was a registered nurse for Somerset Hospital in New Jersey, where she lived most of her life.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Judy Ditmars of auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Robert Butler of Charlotte, N.C., four grandchildren and their spouses, Gennine and Jon Davis of Davidson, N.C., Robert and Beth Butler of Charlotte, N.C., Eric and Mary Ditmars of Walkerton; and Kurt and Carrie Ditmars of Garrett; and one great-granddaughter, Sommer Ditmars of Garrett.

Sept 8, 1998

Services today for John F. Gordon

John F. Gordon, 87, died Friday at 8:35 a.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. He was a life-time Garrett resident.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Garrett United Methodist Church with calling one hour before the services. Pastor Larry Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery at a later date.

The family has requested memorials to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Mr. Gordon was born Feb. 27, 1911, in Beaulah, Mich. His parents were Joseph F. and Hazel (Maggert) Gordon. He and Katherine DeVeny were married on July 3, 1932, in Garrett. She preceded him in death in 1989. Mr. Gordon retired from International Harvester as an engineer in 1973 with 30½ years of service.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, F&AM, Royal Arch Masons and Order of Eastern Star, all in Garrett, and the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Stephen Gordon of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Frank (Dorothea) Snepp of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by one son, Kent Gordon, and one brother, Roger Gordon.

Sept 8, 1998

Calling today for Michael Steward

Michael A. Steward, 31, of Kendallville, died Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at his home.

Friends may call today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home from 2-8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. until time of the service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Rev. Tom Clothier will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Kendallville Volunteer Fire Department or First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Mr. Steward was born Feb. 15, 1967, in Auburn, to Dave Steward and Karen Ann Shafer. His mother is deceased. His father survives in Kendallville. He and Robin L. Johnson were married Oct. 16, 1993. She survives.

He was a factory worker at Dow Corning. Mr. Steward was also a volunteer fire fighter in Kendallville and was recognized as the fire fighter of the year in 1997. He is also a member of the Garrett American Legion.

Surviving with his wife and father are his stepfather, Dave Shafer of Garrett; a sister, Kim Claire of Ohio; two half-sisters, Nicole Steward and Shelly Steward, both of Kendallville; a stepsister, Sonja McCrory of Fort Wayne; and two stepbrothers, Kirby Shafer and Chris Shafer, both of Garrett.

Sept 14, 1998

Services Tuesday for Norma J. Dickson

Norma J. Dickson, 59, of Auburn, died Friday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Mrs. Dickson was born in Spencerville and retired in 1992 from Magnavox in Garrett.

Survivors include her husband, Jack; three sons, Kevin of Fort Wayne, Todd of Evans, Ga., and Jack of Garrett; two daughters, Denise Cagle of Cincinnati and Lisa Stutzman of Auburn; five brothers, Victor Timmerman of Orlando, Fla., Louis Timmerman of Auburn, Howard "Pete" Timmerman and Keith Timmerman, both of Spencerville, and James Timmerman of Shelby, Ohio; six sisters, Eloise Fry of Butler; Shirley Zimmerman of Arizona, Patricia Mechli of Spencerville; Lorce Baker of Washington, and Sharon Snyder and Darlene Zimmerman, both of Leo; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Terry.

Sept 17, 1998

Services held for Rodolph Collins

Rodolph Collins, 77, of Corunna, died Sunday at 1:35 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Services were held Wednesday at Zion United Baptist Church in Valentine, with Rev. Bethel Bolen, Rev. Jerry Manns and Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery.

Mr. Collins was born April 11, 1921, in Floyd County, Ky. His parents were Silas and Rachael (Hicks) Collins. He and Irene Hicks were married on Nov. 23, 1971, in Clintwood, Va. She survives. He formerly worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville. Mr. Collins was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church in Pikeville, Ky.

Surviving with his wife are eight sons, Raymond Collins of Winchester, Ky., Willie Collins of Stroh, James Collins, Kern Collins and Jerry Collins, all of Kendallville, Robert Collins of Plainfield, Denzil Hyler of Corunna, and Junior Hicks of David, Ky.; one daughter, Sally Squires of Albion; one brother, Robert Vanderpool of Auburn; one sister, Betty McDaniels of Garrett; 34 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three daughters, one brother, and one sister.

Sept 17, 1998

Services held for Lucille Stritmatter

I. Lucille Stritmatter, 85, died Saturday at Auburn Health Care.

Services were held Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be given to the Grace Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stritmatter was born April 8, 1983, in Fort Wayne. She and Russell J. Stritmatter were married in 1935. He preceded her in death in 1977. She retired in 1978 from Magnavox, Fort Wayne, with 42 years of service. Mrs. Stritmatter was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, Hilo Chapter 141 of the Order of Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem and Quarter Century Club of Magnavox.

Survivors include one brother, George H. Brinkman; four grandchildren, David E. Stritmatter of Garrett, Judith Ann Roy and Kimberly S. Ehleiter, both of Auburn, and Pamela Sue Stritmatter of Avilla; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stritmatter was preceded in death by one son, Larry Stritmatter, and one brother, Ernie Brinkman.

Sept 17, 1998

Services held for Margaret Andrews

Margaret "Peg" Andrews, 84, of Garrett, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Tuesday at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert, Ohio. Burial was in Eagles Cemetery, Convoy, Ohio.

Mrs. Andrews was born Aug. 11, 1914, in Van Wert. Her parents were Hugh and Anna (Bice) Black. She and Thomas A. Andrews were married March 7, 1947, in Covington, Ky. He preceded her in death in 1971. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary and United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two nephews, Clint Tossey of Leesburg, Tex., and Orlando Black Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio; six nieces, Jean Schmidt of Ohio City, Ohio, Thelma Sinn of Convoy, Ohio, Virginia Slane of Columbus, Barbara Williamson of Mason, Marcia Price of Cincinnati and Lola Hamilton of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Clifford and Orlando Black, and two sisters, Violet Eddy and Esther Tossey.

Sept 21, 1998

Calling Tuesday for Louanna Witherspoon

V. Louanna Witherspoon, 80, of Garrett, died Saturday at 5:10 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Friends may call Tuesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until time of services at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Mrs. Witherspoon was born June 5, 1918, in Jay County. Her parents were Richie L. and Mary R. (Bird) Haffner. She was a supervisor at Electric Motors for 34 years until her retirement in 1988. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, Garrett American Legion Auxiliary, First Church of Christ and a 50-year member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, James and Judith Witherspoon of Garrett; three granddaughters, Jody Barry of Farmington, Conn., Janice Witherspoon of Garrett and Jamie Witherspoon of Tampa, Fla.; two great-granddaughters, Emily and Amy Barry; and two sisters, Lora Freeman of Losantville, and Jean James of Largo, Fla.

She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Witherspoon; four brothers, Dale, Tom, Fred and Donald Haffner; and two sisters, Betty Haffner and Freda Romero.

Sept 21, 1998

Services held for Leona Alcantar

Leona "Muff" Alcantar, 71, of New Haven, died Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. at the home of her daughter following a brief illness of six weeks.

Services were held Saturday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, in Monroeville, with Fr. Bob Van Kempen officiating. Burial was in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Hessen Cassell Parish Restoration Fund.

Mrs. Alcantar was born March 21, 1927, in Allen County. Her parents were Allen and Francis (Draper) Adams. She was preceded in death by her husband, Aurelio (Ollie) Alcantar. She was a homemaker and a member of the VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary, both in Monroeville.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Dennis (Judy) Doctor of rural Monroeville and Mrs. Andrew (Nancy) Chacon of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Paul Adams and Bud Adams, both of Columbia City; two sisters, Mrs. Duane (Juanita) Cress of rural Decatur and Mrs. Walter (Virginia) Longwell of Van Wert, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Richard (Rosie) Brincefield of Garrett; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Robert Lee Alcantar and James Allen Alcantar, and one brother, Donald Adams.

Sept 24, 1998

Services held for Hazel Martin, 66

Hazel Martin, 66, of Kendallville, died Thursday at 10 a.m. at her residence.

Services were held Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Stan Kessler officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery, rural Wolcottville.

The family has requested preferred memorials to Compre-Care Hospice, Kendallville, or the VFW Post 2749 Ladies' Auxiliary.

Mrs. Martin was born Dec. 29, 1931, in Auburn. Her parents were George and Ruth (Donley) Peters. She and Voile Martin were married on April 28, 1951, in Kendallville. He survives. She was employed at No-Sag in Kendallville for 10½ years and at Southside Market in Kendallville for 32½ years.

She was a member of the American Legion Post 86 Ladies' Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 Ladies' Auxiliary, both in Kendallville, and she was an avid bowler.

Surviving with her husband are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Pamela Martin, Jeffrey and Wendy Martin and Patrick and Cheryl Martin, all of Kendallville; three half-brothers, George Peters and Harry Peters, both of Garrett, and John Peters of Auburn; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a half-sister, Mary Custer.

The Garrett Clipper

Oct 1, 1998

Calling today for Harriett C. Yarian

Harriet C. Yarian, 88, of Auburn, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

Ms. Yarian was born Dec. 17, 1909, in Auburn. She was a homemaker and a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and a former member of the Pythian Sisters.

Survivors include two nephews, Gene D. Yarian of Garrett and Larry P. Yarian of Lake Suzy, Fla.; and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, David Yarian, and one sister, Mary Ellen Yarian.

Oct 5, 1998

Services held for Rosalie Custer

Rosalie "Rosie" G. Custer, 71, died Wednesday at 10:53 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Sunday at the Garrett Presbyterian Church with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery. Thomas Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The family requested preferred memorials to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Custer was born June 9, 1927, in Garrett. Her parents were Avon and Lydia (Geiser) Conner. She and W. Harold Custer were married Nov. 18, 1950. He survives.

She was a registered nurse for 30 years at the Garrett Hospital and a member of the American Operating Room Nurses and DeKalb County Nurses Association. She also was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Surviving with her husband are two daughters, Linda Schneider of New Salisbury and Karen Wheeler of Greensboro, N.C.; two sons, Kevin and Curt Custer, both of Garrett; two sisters, Kathleen Moses of Fort Wayne and Marilyn Morris of Gulf Shores, Ala.; and nine grandchildren.

Oct 8, 1998

Calling today for Harold Blotkamp

Harold E. Blotkamp, 70, of rural Avilla, died Tuesday at 5 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. The Rosary Service will be at 3:30 p.m. today. Services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on Friday with Fr. David Carkenord officiating. Calling will be one hour before the services. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to St. Joseph Church.

Mr. Blotkamp was born July 9, 1928, in Noble County. His parents were Edwin and Minnie (Truelove) Blotkamp. He and Evelyn L. Freeman were married May 8, 1982. She survives. He retired from International Harvester in 1982 after 35 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Church, the Garrett Eagles and Garrett Elks.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Susan Baldwin of Auburn and Shari Myers of Indianapolis; one son, Sam Blotkamp of Angola; three sisters, Barbara Juillerat of Lebanon, Rita Lumm of Bloomington and Jean Neal of Texas; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ray, Richard and Robert Blotkamp.

Oct 12, 1998

Services today for Louella Richey

Louella Richey, 88, of Churubusco, died Friday at 3:01 p.m. in the Whitley Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

Services will be today at 10:30 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Gerald Bills officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Mrs. Richey was born Aug. 28, 1910, in Canora, Saskatchewan, Canada. Her parents were Joseph Warren and Bertha Ann (Bush) Sheets. She and Joseph Ernest Born were married in 1926. She then married Frederick Paris Richey on Oct. 28, 1952. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1984. Mrs. Richey worked in the kitchens of several area restaurants and retired from Fibre Form Co., in Columbia City.

Survivors include one daughter, Sharon Alexander of Apache Junction, Ariz.; three sons, Louis F. Born of Columbia City, Frederick E. Born of Churubusco and Jules Duane Richey of Fort Wayne; one brother, William Miles "Buck" Sheets of Sneedville, Tenn.; three sisters, Hazel Carolina Treesh of Garrett, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Grant and Elta Rose Barton, both of Columbia City; 27 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Richey was preceded in death by one son, Ernest Born; two sisters, Hattie Mae Bridigan and Effa Watson; and one brother, John Wesley "Jack" Sheets.

Oct 12, 1998

Services held for Harold Blotkamp

Harold E. Blotkamp, 70, of rural Avilla, died Tuesday at 5 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 11 a.m. on Friday with Fr. David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery. Thomas Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to St. Joseph Church.

Mr. Blotkamp was born July 9, 1928, in Noble County. His parents were Edwin and Minnie (Truelove) Blotkamp. He and Evelyn L. Freeman were married May 8, 1982. She survives. He retired from International Harvester in 1982 after 35 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Church, the Garrett Eagles and Garrett Elks.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Susan Baldwin of Auburn and Shari Myers of Indianapolis; one son, Sam Blotkamp of Angola; three sisters, Barbara Juillerat of Lebanon, Rita Lumm of Bloomington and Jean Neal of Texas; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ray, Richard and Robert Blotkamp, and two sisters, Donna Fuller and Martha Gause.

Oct 12, 1998

Services today for James R. Smurr

James "Jim" R. Smurr, 67, of Woodburn, died Thursday at 6:45 p.m. at his home.

Services will be today at 1 p.m. at the Woodburn United Methodist Church, with calling one hour before the services. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Cancer services of Allen county or to the Woodburn United Methodist Church.

Mr. Smurr was born Nov. 7, 1930, in Garrett. His parents were Lester and Agnes (Hosack) Smurr. He worked at I.T.T. for 42 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of the Woodburn American Legion Post 377. Mr. Smurr was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Lyda; a son, Bryan Smurr of Woodburn; a daughter, Sandy Smurr of Woodburn; three brothers, Bill, Jack and John, all of Garrett; three grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Betty Terrell.

Oct 12, 1998

Services today for Randy Frost, 37

Randy A. Frost, 37, of Garrett, died Friday at 9:42 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be today at 3 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with calling from 1 p.m. until the time of the service. Dr. Rodney Buzzard will officiate at the service.

Preferred memorials are to the Calvary Chapel Worship Center in Garrett.

Mr. Frost was born May 27, 1961, in Garrett, to Alson and Carol (Mattice) Frost. His father survives. He had worked at several factories in the area and had also previously been a truck driver.

Surviving with his father are a brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Connie Frost of Garrett; two brothers, Dan Frost and Derek Frost, both of Garrett; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dawn and Mike Townsend of Butler and Rosie and Eric Killian of Columbia City; one aunt, Ardith Reed of Auburn; and one uncle, Gary Mattice of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one sister, Debbie Frost.

Oct 15, 1998

Services held for Betty Colgan, 53

Betty R. Colgan, 53, of Garrett, died Sunday at 11:32 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Tom Wilcoxson officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Colgan was born Jan. 17, 1945, in Garrett. Her parents were George and Ruth (Berry) Harter. She and John Colgan were married on Sept. 29, 1971, in Auburn. He survives. She was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, John and Robert Colgan, both of Garrett; two daughters, Laurie Wilcoxson and Pam Anderson, both of Garrett; two daughters-in-law, Jamie Benbow of Auburn and Vanessa McNutt of Garrett; step-mother, Ellen Mooney of Garrett and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steven Pepple, a sister, Roseanne Allen, and a brother, Joe Harter.

Oct 19, 1998

Services today for Bennie Conley

Bennie Conley, 67, of LaOtto, died Friday at 8:20 a.m. at his home.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Rev. Bill Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Mr. Conley was born Oct. 10, 1931, in Royalton, Ky. His parents were Adam and Elizabeth (Bailey) Conley. He and Dorothy Handshoe were married on Dec. 15, 1951, in Fremont. She survives. Mr. Conley worked at Mid West Foundry in Garrett for 10 years and then worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for 35 years.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Jerry and Jeffrey Conley, both of Kendallville; three daughters, Elizabeth Conley of Avilla, Mary Mitchell of LaOtto and Barbara Bowman of Garrett; one sister, Meddie Etinger of Fremont; two half sisters, Ollie Spencer of Florida and Poplee Crawford of Lima, Ohio; a half brother, James Conley of Kenton, Ohio; a stepsister, Barbara Bowman of Garrett; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Oct 19, 1998

Eleanor Johnson dies at age of 78

Eleanor L. Johnson of Garrett, died Sunday at 2:27 a.m. at her home.

There will be no calling or services. Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Johnson was born Oct. 31, 1919, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were Charles and Edith Lochner. She and Albert J. Johnson were married May 30, 1946. He preceded her in death in 1994. She formerly worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosemary and Paul Blust and Diana and Ralph Geesaman, all of Garrett; one sister, Mary Leitch of Huntetown; three brothers, Clair, Elsworth and Merl Lochner, all of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Oct 22, 1998

Services held for Evelyn Straight

Evelyn Hazel Straight, 88, of Rachel, W. Va., died Friday, Oct. 16, at the home of her daughter. She is the mother of Jean Gibson of Garrett.

Services were held Tuesday at Masters Funeral Home in Mannington, W. Va., with Rev. Robert Green officiating. Burial was in the Mannington Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers were Garry Rowand, Paul David Idding, James Garrison, Bill Brandon, Jason Straight, Steve Straight, Richard Garrison and Bill Johnson.

Mrs. Straight was born Dec. 11, 1909, at Seven Pines, W. Va. She was the daughter of Henry O. and Delphia Mae Byard Batson. She worked for the Marion County Board of Education as a cook at the East Run Elementary School until its closing. She was a homemaker. She had previously attended the Baptist Church.

Surviving with the daughter in Garrett are five other daughters, Iona Brandon of Auburn, Mary Jo Garrison of Boothsville, W. Va., Shirley Garrison of Tampa, Fla., Wanda Iddings of Mannington, and Donna Gump, with whom she made her home; two sons, Glenn Straight Jr. of Metz, and Donnie Lee Straight of Four States, W. Va.; two brothers, Henry Batson of Rachel and Ralph Batson of Fairmont, W. Va.; two sisters, Nettie Woods of Romney, W. Va., and Helen Ashley of Mannington; and 98 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn C. Straight Sr.; two sisters, Dorothy Shuman and Andrea Parrish; two brothers, Delbert and Herman Batson; and two sons and one daughter who died in infancy.

Oct 22, 1998

Calling Friday for Donna Grabill, 72

Donna L. Grabill, 72, of LaOtto, died Wednesday evening at her home.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at LaOtto Wesleyan Church with Rev. Lois Watkins and Rev. Jim Watkins officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home and Saturday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Mrs. Grabill was born Sept. 23, 1926, in Spencerville. Her parents Ralph and Elsie (Davidson) Yarde. She and Edgar D. Grabill were married Dec. 29, 1946, in Garrett. He survives. She was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are four daughters, Sharon McMillan of New Paris, Connie Binz and Brenda Seely, both of Auburn, and Linda Duke of Fort Wayne; one son, Allen Grabill of Fort Wayne; one brother, Henry Zimmerman of Garrett; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Yarde.

Oct 22, 1998

Services today for Corrine T. Fike

Corrine T. Fike, 79, of Nappanee, died Monday at 12:45 a.m. at Bremen Health Care Center, Bremen.

Services will be held today at 10:30 a.m. at the Brethren in Christ Church with Rev. Joseph W. Fox and Rev. Jerel Book officiating. Burial will be in south Union Cemetery. Thompson & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Brethren in Christ Church or World Vision.

Mrs. Fike was born Feb. 21, 1919, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were John and Theresa (Myers) Millhouse. She and Archie Fike were married on June 30, 1939, in Garrett. He survives. She was a homemaker and a sewing instructor at the Garmet Factory in Garrett. Later she was the clerk and bookkeeper at Martin Hardware in Nappanee for over 31 years.

Mrs. Fike was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church where she served in many positions including Church Archivist, Sunday School secretary and was active in the women's sewing group. She was a former member of the Nappanee Lady Lions Club.

Surviving with her husband are one daughter, Mrs. Jerel (Frances) Book of Garrett; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Bassinger of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Mildred Fike of Auburn and Mrs. Eileen Mankin of Lantana, Fla; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Erma Slessman; two brothers, William and John Millhouse; and two sisters, Marie Emerick and Ethel Rice.

Oct 22, 1998

Services today for James Murdock

James W. Murdock, 66, of Auburn, died Monday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. Calling will be one hour before the services at the church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services by the VFW Post 6572 of Waterloo. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn or the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Mr. Murdock is a native of Philadelphia, Pa. He retired in 1994 after 20 years as a graphic arts instructor at DeKalb High School. He was a greeter at Auburn Wal-Mart. Mr. Murdock was a member of the American Legion Post 97 and VFW Post 6572.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; his mother, Mabel Murdock of Elizabeth, Pa.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mark Murdock of Auburn; Matthew and Kim Murdock of Fort Wayne and Timothy and Michelle Murdock of Kendallville.

Oct 22, 1998

Services held for Richard Graham

Richard P. Graham, 78, of Garrett, died Sunday at 3:50 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services were held Wednesday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church with Rev. Herbert Schumm officiating. Burial was in Avilla Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Mr. Graham was born Feb. 24, 1920, in Kosciusko County. His parents were Paul and alice Belle (Cress) Graham. He and Berniece Diehm were married April 13, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio. She survives. Mr. Graham worked in motor assembly at General Electric for 41 years.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Donald Graham of Pleasant Lake, Richard P. Graham, Jr., of Waterloo and Rick Graham of Angola; one daughter, Sharon Weaver of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Oct 22, 1998

Services today for Maurice Tracey Sr.

Maurice L. Tracey Sr., 73, of Peru, died Sunday at his home. He was formerly of Fort Wayne.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru. Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the church.

Mr. Tracey was a die maker at General tire in Wabash until his retirement in 1980. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons, Patrick J. Tracey of Decatur and John R. Tracey of Garrett; five daughters, Diane McLaughlin of Minneapolis, Marcia Waters of Linden, Deborah Hoover of Bangor, Maine; and Beth Ann Pasly and Denise Tracey, both of Peru; four brothers Wilbur of Fort Wayne, J. Hugh of Syracuse, Kenneth of Redwood City, Calif., and Wayne of Tampa, Fla.; two sisters, Myrtle Horn of Fort Wayne and Fay Reed of Dublin, Ohio; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Maurice L. Tracey, Jr.

Oct 29, 1998

Services Saturday Mary Whitt, 72

W. Mary Whitt, 72, of Auburn, died Wednesday at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or DeKalb County Heart Association.

Mrs. Whitt was born in Spencer, W. Va. She worked at Magnavox Corp. for eight years and retired in 1992. She was a member of the American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Kay Coplin of Avilla and Dona Lea Griffin of Butler; three sons, James A. Woodward of Garrett, Rudy Kleinknight of Fremont and Ron Kleinknight of Forsyth, Ga.; three sisters, Wilma (June) Carrick of Phoenix, Ariz., Clara I. Bontrager of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Charlotte Mead of Martinsburg, W. Va.; a brother, Solomon (Bud) Carrick of Angola; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Oct 29, 1998

Services held for LeRoy McGuire

LeRoy McGuire, 86, of Toledo, Ohio, died Friday.

Mr. McGuire was born Feb. 29, 1912. Survivors include his wife, Albina; two children, Pat McGuire and Carol Whipple, both of Toledo; one sister, Mrs. Dolores Muzzillo of Garrett; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Toledo. Those attending from this area included Mrs. Muzzillo, Ann Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Duke Davis, all of Garrett; George Davis and Linda Miller, both of Auburn; and Bernice McGuire and Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGuire, all of Fort Wayne.

Oct 29, 1998

Services held for William Sawvel

William L. Sawvel, 64, of Hamilton, died last Thursday at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Monday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton with Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial was in Eddy Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Diabetes association, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mr. Sawvel was born July 20, 1934, in Hamilton. His parents were Arthur and Virginia Helen (Alabaugh) Sawvel. He worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation as a truck and snowplow driver.

Survivors include three sons, David Sawvel of St. Joe, Fredrick Heimach of Garrett and Kevin Heimach of Auburn; three daughters, Julie Bartell of Tempe, Ariz., Barbara J. Wurm of auburn and Jennifer (Mrs. George) Kennedy of Garrett; one brother, Walter Sawvel of Angola; one sister, Pat (Mrs. Martin) Bartell of St. Joe; and three grandsons.

Two sisters, Evelyn Sawvel and Betty Fee, preceded him in death.

The Garrett Clipper

Nov 2, 1998

Services held for Betty McCord

Betty M. McCord, 76, of Norristown, Pa., died Monday, Oct. 26, in Suburban General Hospital in Norristown.

Memorial services were held last Saturday at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne with Rev. Keith Kriesel officiating. David J. Boyko Funeral Home in Macungi, Pa., was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Norristown or to the National Kidney Foundation, Inc.

Mrs. McCord was born May 12, 1922, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were William P. and Ola B. (Wyrick) Altekruse. She was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Norristown and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Kyle W. McCord; two sons, Geoffrey K. McCord of Auburn and Michael T. McCord of Norristown; five daughters, Joyce C. McCord of Norristown, Janet M. Leas of Pottstown, Pa., Rebecca D. Cartwright of Garrett, Mary A. McCord of Lansdowne, Pa., and Laura L. McCord of Lampasas, Tex.; 11 grandchildren; two brothers, Max Altekruse of Bloomfield Hill, Mich., and Ned R. Altekruse of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Mary L. Rietdorf of Fort Wayne.

Nov 2, 1998

Services held for Maxine Skinner

Maxine C. Skinner, 82, of formerly of Hicksville, Ohio, died Oct. 20 in Lakeland Regional Medical Center in Lakeland, Fla.

A memorial services was held Saturday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Rev. John Naugle officiating. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery.

Mrs. Skinner was born Nov. 13, 1916, in Bryan, Ohio. Her parents were James and Dessie Evans Cromwell. She graduated from Hicksville High School in 1937. She formerly lived in Flint, Mich., where she worked for Consumers Power Co. for 38 years. She moved to Lakeland in 1973.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; one brother, Harold Cromwell of Hicksville; and two sisters, Virginia Thomas of Auburn and JoAnne Wise of Garrett.

One sister and five brothers preceded her in death.

Nov 2, 1998

Services today for Terry Jarnagin, 44

Terry L. Jarnagin, 44, of Garrett, died Tuesday at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with calling an hour before services. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

Mr. Jarnagin was born in Garrett. He was a former Magnavox employee.

Survivors include his father, Herbert Jarnagin of Auburn; a son, Joshua of Auburn; two daughters, Christine Jarnagin of Garrett and Nicole Jarnagin of Auburn; four brothers, Gary, Harold, Mitchell and Tim, all of Auburn; two sisters, Julie Hoffman and Berniece Steller, both of Auburn; and two grandsons.

Nov 2, 1998

Services today for Estill Crager, 65

Estill Crager 65, of 501 South Lee Street, died Friday at his home.

Friends may call today from 11 a.m. until the time of the services which will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association.

Mr. Crager was born June 30, 1933, in Gunlock, Ky., to Jimmy and Effie (Sheppard) Crager. His mother survives in Floyd County, Ky. He and Ruby Stevens Craig were married in 1956 in Martin, Ky. She preceded him in death on Feb. 15, 1983. Mr. Crager worked at Kitchen Quip. He was a member of the VFW in Garrett.

Survivors include one son, David Crager of Garrett; four brothers, Cletis Crager of Avilla, Norman Crager and Vernon Crager, both of Hueysville, Ky., and Herman Crager of Corunna; and two sisters, Ruth Wallace of Hueysville and Marie Hick of Kendallville.

The Garrett Clipper

Nov 5, 1998

Forrest Miller dies in Reno, Nev.

Forrest Albert Miller, 84, of Sparks, Nev., died Monday at Hearthstone of Northern Nevada. He formerly lived in Garrett.

There is no calling or services. Reno Memorial was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of Northern Nevada.

Mr. Miller was born Nov. 1, 1914, in Garrett. His parents were Frank and Dora Miller. He was a tool and dye maker before his retirement. He had previously lived in San Fernando Valley, Calif., before moving to Sparks 13 years ago.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandra Farrin of Reno; one brother, Jack Miller of Garrett; one sister, Bernice McGuire of Fort Wayne; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Nov 9, 1998

Calling Tuesday for Ward E. Shippy

Ward E. Shippy, 90, of CR 1, Kendallville, died Saturday evening at McCray Hospital in Kendallville.

Friends may call Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Services will be at the funeral home on Wednesday at 10 a.m. with Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Corunna Fire Department.

Mr. Shippy was born April 21, 1908, to Isaac Nathan Shippy and Bertha (Vale) Hons. He and Flossie Charleswood were married in Kokomo on March 19, 1932. She survives. He was a Richland Township farmer and drove a bus for DeKalb Central Schools for 20 years.

Survivors include one son, Edison Shippy of Kendallville; one daughter, Valetta Gibson of Kendallville; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Estel, Frank and Harry, and four sisters, Ruth Hammond, Ileth Bhems, Beatrice Lasho and Georga Gerst.

Nov 12, 1998

Calling today for Marvelle Freeze

Marvelle M. Freeze, 82, of 5794 CR 327, died Wednesday at 7:42 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home. Rosary service will be at the funeral home at 3:30 p.m. Services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Friday at 11 a.m. with Fr. Thomas Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mrs. Freeze was born July 29, 1916, in Edgerton, Ohio. Her parents Phillip and Etta (Herr) Schuller. She and Ronald Freeze were married April 5, 1975, in Auburn. He survives. She was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are four daughters, Norma Baker of Auburn, Etta Creager of Waterloo, Darlene Baker of Garrett and Sonia Martin of Hamilton; one son, Maurice Stark of Springfield, Ohio; one stepson, Ronald Freeze of Garrett; one stepdaughter, Karen Stoltz of Fort Wayne; one brother, Walter Schuller of Corunna; one sister, Phyllis Uhline of Spencerville; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Maurice Stark, and her second husband, Walter Surface.

Services held for Dennis Hornett

Dennis D. Hornett, 65, of Auburn, died Saturday at 12:39 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials may be given to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Mr. Hornett was born Dec. 13, 1932, in DeKalb County. His parents were Helen (Hewitt) and Charles Hornett Sr. He was a resident of Sunny Meadows Farm and a former member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett. He was a Korean War US Army veteran.

Survivors include one son, Michael of Auburn; three daughters, Kathy Schurr of Auburn, Darlene Collingsworth of Florida and Sheryl McCartney of Avilla; one brother, Harry of Waterloo; three sisters, Norma Rhoades of Fort Wayne, Barbara Ronan of Marshall, Mich., and Judy Witherspoon of Garrett; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One daughter, Christine Hornett, and one brother, Charles Hornett Jr., preceded him in death.

Nov 19, 1998

Services held for Alice Hedges, 76

Alice Mae Hedges, 76, of Vista, Calif., died Nov. 9 in Oceanside, Calif.

A memorial service was held in the Community church of Vista with Rev. Mark C. Alvis officiating.

Mrs. Hedges was born Sept. 26, 1922, in Waterloo. Her husband, Earl J. Hedges, preceded her in death in 1990. Mrs. Hedges was retired from Cooper Tire and Rubber Co., in Auburn. She was a member of the Community Church of Vista and the Girls Club Inc.

Survivors include one son, James A. Souder of Garrett; one daughter, Barbara A. Workman of Oceanside; one brother, Robert C. Dilgard of Nashville, Tenn.; two sisters, Sandra K. Deal of Auburn and Bernadine Grimm of Sebring, Fla.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Nov 19, 1998

Services held for Loretta Davis, 65

Loretta Davis, 65, died Saturday at 7 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Ferry officiating. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the Corunna Fire Department.

Mrs. Davis was born Sept. 16, 1933, in Sedan in Richland Township. Her parents were Peter and Bertha (Manrow) Sebert. She and Walter L. Davis were married Oct. 18, 1952, in Angola. He survives. She was a homemaker.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Michael Davis of Butler, Joe Davis of Waterloo, and Jerry Davis of Auburn; one daughter, Beatrice Buchs of Garrett; one brother, albert Sebert of Kendallville; two sisters, Naoma Myers of Auburn and Mary Childs of Fort Worth, Texas; and nine grandchildren.

Nov 19, 1998

Calling Friday for Charlotte McCrory

Charlotte E. McCrory, 58, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at her home.

Services will be held Saturday at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Avenue, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to the services. Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, Inc., or District 10 Little League Baseball.

Mrs. McCrory was born in Garrett. She was a nursing instructor with Lutheran School of Nursing and Lutheran College for 20 years. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Sigma Theta Tau, on the board of directors of Fort Wayne Homeless task force, Inc., and member of the Indiana State Nurses association.

Survivors include her husband, Richard; one son, Mark McCrory of Fort Wayne; her mother, Mary Atkins of Auburn; and a sister, Janet Hathaway of Indianapolis.

Nov 19, 1998

Services today for Delores Clouse

Delores M. Clouse, 73, of Auburn, died Sunday at 10:30 p.m. at the home of her daughter in Garrett.

Services will be held today at Thomas Funeral Home at 1 p.m. with Pastor Gene Woolever officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Corunna.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Mrs. Clouse was born Feb. 2, 1925, in Auburn. Her parents were Hubert and Hazel (Long) Bowman. She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Clouse. Mrs. Clouse worked at Cooper Engineered Products in Auburn for 18 years. She lived in Auburn for over 30 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Jill Wiechart of Garrett; one son, Jack Clouse of Tampa, Fla.; one sister, Carol Ridenour of Auburn; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Dale Bowman.

Nov 23, 1998

Services held for Velma Keen, 56

Velma Keen, 56, of CR 7, Garrett, died Thursday at Whitley County Memorial Hospital, Columbia City.

Services were held last evening at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, and burial will be today at 3 p.m. in Isom Cemetery at Whitesburg, Ky.

Memorials may be given to the Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Mrs. Keen was born Nov. 10, 1942, in Hazard, Ky. Her parents were Asa and Daisy (Smith) Morgan.

Survivors include two sons, Larry O'Neal Keen Jr. of Butler and Leonard Eugene Keen of Rome City; one daughter, Lavina Sue Keen of Auburn; one brother, Floyd Morgan of Garrett; and one sister, Mallie Harris of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Walter, Chester, Kelly, Charley and Roscoe Morgan.

Nov 25, 1998

Services held for Robert Miller, 77

Robert Allen Miller, 77, of Butler, died Saturday at 2 a.m. at his home.

Services were held Tuesday at the Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Dennis Leinbach officiating. Burial was in Butler Cemetery. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, was in charge of arrangements.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Butler United Methodist Church of DeKalb County Hospice.

Mr. Miller was born Aug. 13, 1921, in Butler. His parents were Robert B. and Ethel (Harris) Miller. He and Eileen Zinn were married Jan. 31, 1942. She survives. He retired in 1984 after 28 years at Hendrickson Tandem in Kendallville. He served in the Army Air Corp during World War II in Europe and received a Bronze Star. He was a member of Butler United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 202 in Butler and VFW Post 6572 in Waterloo.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Robert Jr. of Auburn, Charles of Butler, Roger of Phoenix, Ariz., and David of Waterloo; one daughter, Marilyn Miller of Butler; two brothers, Joseph and Alger Miller of Butler; three sisters, Joyce Gump of Butler, and Redith Goebel and Retta Bowditch, both of Edgerton, Ohio; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Miller, and two brothers, Hubert Doyle Miller and Charles Miller.

Nov. 25, 1998

Services held for John Parvu, 75

John Parvu, 75, of Kendallville, died Sunday at 11:11 a.m. at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville.

Services were held Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Fr. Adrian Fetea officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Masses.

Mr. Parvu was born Jan. 1, 1923, in Garrett. His parents were Nicholas and Maria Parvu. He and Winifred Waitt were married May 24, 1980, in Kendallville. She survives. He was a retired teacher and a veteran of the US Army, serving during World War II. Mr. Parvu was a member of the Romanian Orthodox Church in Merrillville.

Surviving with his wife are three stepsons, Dale Hammer of Carmel, Joe Hammer of Long Island, N.Y., and Ted Hammer of Biloxi, Miss.; a stepdaughter, Marie Hanes of Kendallville; and six step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ned and Ted Parvu, and one sister, Bernadine Miller.

Nov 30, 1998

Services held for Helen B. Foote

Helen B. Foote, 95, of Leo, died Tuesday at 6:20 p.m. at The Cedars Retirement Home in Leo.

Services were held Sunday at Christian Union Brethren in Christ Church with Rev. Jerel Book officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery. McKee-Miles Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials to The Cedars Retirement Home.

Mrs. Foote was born July 30, 1903, in LaOtto. She and Elmer Foote were married July 30, 1922, at the Frank Breckbill House. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Foote formerly resided in Garrett and was a homemaker and dairy farmer with her husband.

Survivors include two daughters, Isabelle Byer of Fort Wayne and Alice Marie Preston of Lisle, Ill.; one grandson, Brad Preston of Naperville, Ill.; one granddaughter, Jan Guillaume of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Nov 30, 1998

Services held for Carl Deihl, 80

Carl E. Deihl, 80, of Waterloo, died Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. John Hostetter officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Heimach Center in Auburn or the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Mr. Deihl was born Nov. 24, 1918, in DeKalb County. His parents were George H. and Ada (Miller) Deihl. He and June Provines were married June 10, 1945, in Auburn. She survives. He was a farmer and self employed carpenter.

Mr. Deihl was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, DeKalb County Farm Bureau, DeKalb County Historical Society and very active at the Heimach Center. He served on the DeKalb County Council for four years and was a Smithfield Township Republican Precinct committeeman.

Surviving with his wife are one son, John Deihl of Waterloo; one daughter, Carolyn Gaff of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one brother, Harold Deihl of Corunna; one sister, Helen Hoover of Huntington; four grandchildren, Sally Gaff Ph.D., Holly Gaff Ph.D., David Deihl and Marianne Deihl.

He was preceded in death by one son, David, and one sister, Ruth Hackman.

Dec 3, 1998

Calling Friday for Lena "Mike" Miller

Lena M. "Mike" Miller, 71, died Monday at 11:41 p.m. at Grace Village Healthcare at Winona Lake.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at McKee-Miles Funeral Home. Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Rick Smith officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Calvary Baptist Church or Grace Village Healthcare.

Mrs. Miller was born April 23, 1927, in Brazil, Ind. Her parents were William E. and Lorene (Knox) Evans. She and Martin E. "Bud" Miller were married Sept. 20, 1947, in Wabash. He preceded her in death on June 28, 1984. She formerly lived in Garrett until 1½ years ago. She was a secretary for the Garrett Clinic for 10 years and was a teacher aid at J.E. Ober School for three years. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Oswego and a former member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Survivors include two daughters, Claudia Turner of Leesburg and Marilyn Robertson of Mishawaka; two sons, Rev. James Miller of Germanton, N.C., and Dan Miller of Red Lodge Mont.; nine grandchildren; one brother, Bill Evans of Florida; and two sisters, Betty Middleton of Wabash and Ruby Ragoske of Wabash.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Walter and Jim Evans, and one sister, Thelma White.

Dec. 3, 1998

Services held for Wilma Gilbert

Wilma Pauline Gilbert, 71, of Kendallville, died Saturday at her home.

Services were held Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's favorite charity.

Mrs. Gilbert was born June 14, 1927, in Altona. Her parents were Milton and Emma Jane (Feller) Hathaway. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, Dwight Gilbert of Garrett, Timothy Gilbert of Kendallville, and Kenneth Basse of Fort Wayne; five daughters, Wanda Gilbert of Auburn, Cheryl Sherman of Angola, Carleen Lepard of Auburn, Deb Gilbert of Kendallville, and Tevera Davis of Creemoor, N.C.; two brothers, Orel Hathaway of Garrett and Claude Hathaway of Connersville; a sister, Mary Maxwell of Garrett; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Merle, Paul, Roy and Dale Hathaway, and one sister, Blanch Stafford.

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Services held for Bertha Furnish

Bertha "Bea" Furnish, 92, died Thursday at 10:45 p.m. at her home on Royer Lake, LaGrange.

Services were held Monday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with Deaconess Karen Kosberg, chaplain of Parkview Home Health & Hospice, officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, LaGrange Division.

Mrs. Furnish was born Oct. 28, 1906, in Fort Wayne. Her parents were John C. and Anna (Myers) Reed. She and Donald E. Furnish were married on Jan. 29, 1944, in Pleasant Lake. He survives. The Furnishes formerly lived in Garrett and operated a bakery for many years.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ervin and Kenneth Reed, and two sisters, Georgia Neible and Frances Maggert.

Dec 10, 1998

Services Friday for Helen Baysinger

Helen Baysinger, 80, of Auburn, died Monday at 9:56 p.m. at the Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Friends may call today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. A Women of the Moose service will be held this evening at the funeral home. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Terry Noller officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The family has asked that memorials be given to a hospice of the donor's choice or to Moosehaven or Mooseheart.

Mrs. Baysinger was born Oct. 31, 1918, in Delphos, Ohio. Her parents were Oscar and Pearl (May) Best. She and Robert L. Baysinger were married on May 27, 1934, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on April 3, 1991.

Mrs. Baysinger worked for Messenger Corp., Auburn, for 15 years and retired in 1972. She attended the First Christian Church in Auburn and was a volunteer with the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She also was a 50-year member of the Women of the Moose.

Survivors include one son, James Baysinger of Auburn; four daughters, Janet Campbell of Big Otter Lake, Fremont, Joanne Cranston of Orange Beach, Ala., Julia Ingels of Frankfort, and Joyce Schick of Angola; four brothers, Eugene Best of Albion, Norman Best of Indianapolis, Clarence Best of Auburn, and Richard Best of Lafayette; one sister, Martha Rudmicki of Garrett; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Howard and Ralph Best.

Dec 10, 1998

Services today for Robert Murray

Robert W. Murray, 75, of Auburn, died Monday at 10 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with a graveside military service by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Waterloo Post. The Ashley Masonic Lodge conducted a service Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Chicago.

Mr. Murray was born Jan. 3, 1923, in Noble county. His parents are Helen (Hardenbrook) Murray Michaels, of Fort Wayne, and the late Floyd Murray. He and Eirwen Jones were married July 14, 1945, in North Wales. She survives. Mr. Murray was a set-up man, inspector and developer for Warner Gear in Auburn for 36 years. He retired in 1982. He was a World War II veteran of the US Army and a member of the Ashley Masonic Lodge and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

Surviving with his wife and mother are one son, Michael B. Murray of Garrett; one brother, Carl Murray of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Dustin and Dylan Murray.

Dec 10, 1998

Services Friday for Doris L. Scribner

Doris L. Scribner, 68, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday at Hospice Home of NE Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals in Fort Wayne. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral Home. Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice Home of NE Indiana.

Mrs. Scribner was born Oct. 12, 1930, in Rome City. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond G. Scribner in 1979. Mrs. Scribner was a contract driver for the Fort Wayne Newspapers for 17 years, retiring in 1991. She was a member of T.O.P.S. and the Euchre Club of the New Haven Eagles.

Survivors include seven daughters, Susan Scribner, Sally Gray, Toni Kloffenstein, Tracey Syndram and Amy Scribner, all of Fort Wayne, Sherry Render of Garrett, and Shelley Reinig of Ossian; two sisters, Ortheda Huguenard of New Haven and Sandra Somers of Kendallville; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Susan Scribner.

Dec 14, 1998

Services Tuesday for Loretta Lepley

Loretta Lepley, 86, of Garrett, died Thursday at 6 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Rosary services will be held at the funeral home at 3:30 p.m. today. Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Fr. Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

The family has requested preferred memorials to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mrs. Lepley was born July 5, 1912, in Napoleon, Ohio. Her parents were Joseph and Mary (Fisher) Shuller. She and Roy Lee Lepley were married Feb. 22, 1935, in St. Michaels Catholic Church in Waterloo. He preceded her in death on Aug. 15, 1975. She was a seamstress for Marshall Clothing in Auburn for several years.

Mrs. Lepley was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rosary Society, Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, Auburn Moose Auxiliary, Hamilton Fish and Game Club and the Heimach Center in Auburn.

Survivors include four sons, Robert Lepley of Laguna Hills, Calif., LeRoy Lepley of Fort Wayne, Richard Lepley of Auburn, and Clark Lepley of Cass Lake, Minn.; three daughters, Joanna Rittenhouse of Pleasant Lake, Mary Baughman of Riverside, Calif., and Linda Dembickie of Tucson, Ariz.; three sisters, Rosemary Snyder of Hicksville, Ohio, Rita Loomis of Danbury, Conn., and Josephine Jensen of Auburn; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

One sister, Arlene Lucas, preceded her in death.

Dec 17, 1998

Services today for James M. Kumfer

James Milo Kumfer, 76, of Fort Wayne, died Monday at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Elzey & Haggard Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Uniontown Cemetery, Wells County.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Inc., or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Mr. Kumfer was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne. He retired in 1983 from Royal Lace Standard Packing. He was a World War II Army veteran. His wife, Marjorie, died in 1982.

Survivors include a son, Steve Kumfer of Fort Wayne; four daughters, Marcia Butler of Garrett, Kathy Kumfer of Warsaw, Trudy Kumfer of Fort Wayne and Judy Embry of Huntertown; two sisters, Virginia Croft and Wanda Hart, both of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Glen of Bluffton, Wilbur and Robert, both of Fort Wayne and Frank of Baton Rouge, La.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

One son, Terry Lee Kumfer, preceded him in death in 1969.

Dec 17, 1998

Calling Friday for Betty Jane Reese

Betty Jane Reese, 77, of Auburn and formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday at 3:50 p.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Friends may call at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Paul Burrus officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, north of Garrett.

Preferred memorials are to the Indian Village Church of God or the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Reese was born Jan. 26, 1921, in Butler. Her parents were Frank and Mabel (Oberlin) Abram. Her first husband, Clyde Dee Reese, died in 1972. Her second husband, Paul Reiman, died in 1975. She was a homemaker and formerly lived in Hamilton and Garrett.

Survivors include two sons, Mike Reese of Baytown, Tex., and Barry Reese of Auburn; one sister, Mary Lou McPheeters of Garrett; four grandchildren, Michael Reese II, Kathy Williams, Natalee Reese and Carma Reese; and two great-grandchildren, Megan Reese and Michael Reese III.

Dec 17, 1998

Calling Friday for Betty M. Smith, 73

Betty M. Smith, 73, of Garrett, died Tuesday at 5:52 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Garrett United Presbyterian Church with Rev. William Haworth officiating. Calling will be at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and one hour before the services on Saturday. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, south of Garrett.

The family has requested preferred memorials to the Garrett United Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Smith was born in Garrett on May 30, 1925. Her parents were Leon and Ethel (Harvey) Bloom. She and Estelle Smith were married Jan. 31, 1945, in Garrett. He survives. She was a homemaker and member of the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving with her husband are two sons, Max and Bernard, both of Garrett; one daughter, Adele Williams of Torrance, Calif.; four sisters, Ann Springer, Valetta Walter and Martha Musser, all of Fort Wayne, and Mary Kern of Houston, Tex.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Paul Bloom, and one sister, Sue Dean.

Dec 21, 1998

Services held for Carrie M. James

Carrie M. James, 89, of Garrett, died Wednesday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Saturday at 3 p.m. at McKee-Miles Funeral Home with Dr. Jack Lewis Pursell officiating. Burial will take place at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the Humane Shelter.

Mrs. James was born Jan. 18, 1909, in Lake County. Her parents were Clarence and Della Wiant. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Iris Campbell of Garrett; two sons, Darwin "Bud" Bryan of LaOtto and Thomas James of St. Clairsville, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Dec 28, 1998

Calling today for David Hamman

David B. Hamman, 48, of Garrett, died Thursday in an auto accident on Shoaff Road.

Friends may call today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

Mr. Hamman was born in South Whitley and worked at Uniroyal Goodrich for 30 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Miranda L. Hamman and Ashley M. Hamman, both of Auburn; his mother, Joan E. Hamman Cox of Warsaw; three brothers, Jeffrey C. Hamman of Leesburg, Paul D. Hamman of South Whitley and Chad L. Hamman of DeLand, Fla.; and one sister, Melinda S. Walters of Wabash.

Dec 28, 1998

Services held for Erma Joy Selking

Erma Joy Selking, 69, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services were held Saturday at North Park Community Church, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Leo Memorial Cemetery. Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Crisis Pregnancy Center, 3030 Lake Ave., Suite 20, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynn K. Coulter of Grabill; two sons, David W. Rennecker and Dale A. Rennecker, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Alberta Ely of Auburn and Lorene Wiley of Garrett; and eight grandchildren.

Dec 28, 1998

Services today for Mary Goebel, 72

Mary Maxine Goebel, 72, of Garrett, died Christmas day at 4:12 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor.

Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery.

Mrs. Goebel was born June 6,1926, in Kendallville. Her parents were Clarence and Marie (Sampsel) Snyder. She and Robert W. Goebel were married on Nov. 26, 1947, in Florida. He survives. She was an inspector at Cooper Engineered Products in Auburn for 23 years, retiring in 1988.

Surviving with her husband are three sons, Chuck Goebel of Colorado, Mark Goebel of Auburn and Dennis Goebel of Garrett; two daughters, Pam Woods of Garrett and Cerinda Brinker of Avilla; two brothers, Henry Snyder of Garrett and William Snyder of Greensboro, N.C.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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